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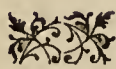




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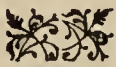


# THE STORY OF THOMAS DUNCAN AND HIS SIX SONS



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RESEARCH in Duncan genealogy was begun in 1894 and has been carried on industriously to this date through Court records, Wills, Deeds, Bible records and tombstone inscriptions which have furnished proof and have affixed the seal of authenticity to much of the recorded data. Interested kinspeople have contributed from their store of family traditions some of which have been found to agree with certain facts and may be considered true. Many letters have been received, principally from descendants of Daniel and Stephen Duncan, extracts of which appear in this history and are mute evidence of the interest the writers feel in their lineage and their desire to worthily live and teach their children to hold to the standard set by their ancestors. That there are errors in this publication there can be no doubt, but not of my making for:

"I cannot tell how the truth may be;  
I say the tale as 'twas said to me."

(*Sir Walter Scott.*)

The frequent appearance of my name and the very personal nature of this book is warranted, somewhat, by the fact that all along the thought has been it would be distributed, mainly, among the descendants of Daniel and Stephen Duncan, between whose families there is very close relationship because of the intermarriage of many cousins. The stretch of years between 1894 and 1928 is a long one and it is not possible for me to estimate the time I have given to my self-imposed task, but if this book shall meet with favor and be prized by those into whose hands it may fall, the hours, days and weeks devoted to *The Story of Thomas Duncan and His Six Sons* will be remembered by me as pastime.

There is a chapter given to each of the six sons of Thomas Duncan. As Daniel is the ancestor of the compiler and more data has been gathered of his descendants, the first chapter has been devoted to him; the second chapter to Stephen because of the very close relationship of the brothers as there were many marriages between their descendants and the following chapters to the four other sons.

May the descendants find something to admire and nothing of which to be ashamed.

1928.

K. D. S.





# HIGHLAND CLANS OF SCOTLAND

By GEORGE EYRE-TODD

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It was frequently the habit of genealogists to attribute the origin of the Robertson clan to the blood of the MacDonalds, but according to the authorities adduced by Skene in his *History of the Highlanders*, the chiefs of the name appear rather to be descended from Duncan, eldest son of Malcolm III, the great Canmore of the eleventh century.

Common tradition again previously bore that the name Robertson derived from the head of the clan in the days of King Robert the Bruce who having had certain signal services rewarded by that King with grant of lands on the upper waters of the Garry, adopted the King's cognomen as his family name. It seems well established, however, that the Gaelic name of the clan Donached, pronounced Donnachy and translated Duncan, was derived from an ancestor of that name, fourth in descent from Conan, son of Henry, last of the ancient Celtic Earls of Atholl.

Another writer says: "A few miles from the Barracks of Perthshire can still be traced a battlefield of Duncan of Atholl the first chief of the clan in the cause of his kinsman Robert the Bruce from whom came the name Robert to Duncan's heir founding the later surname of Robertson with the name Struan. Nearby is Leam Donnach Reamber 'Duncan's leap across the Ericht' when scouting in disguise as a harper he was pursued from the enemy's camp. Near the Barracks shore is isle Rannoch where later McDougall of Lorne captured in his flight was imprisoned by Duncan."



# INTRODUCTION

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THE opinion is widespread that the genealogy of Thomas Duncan of Cumberland Co., Pa., has been proven and many descendants have prepared their family charts beginning with Rev. William Duncan of Perthshire, Scotland, who suffered martyrdom under Charles the Second. He was born January 7th, 1630, married Susan Haldane of Glasgow. They had children: William, born October 1st, 1659; married Margaret McMurdo of Dumfries. They had children: Thomas, born January 12th, 1686, and William, born April 19th, 1692, and others.

There are facts which show that Thomas Duncan of Cumberland County could have been Thomas Duncan who was born in 1686. He died in 1776 and if born in 1686 was ninety years at his death. Many of his descendants have been long-lived, having reached the ages of eighty-five and ninety and some one hundred years—evidence of the longevity of an ancestor or ancestors. There is no doubt that he was old and feeble at his death and probably blind as the genealogist who examined his will and had a cut made of his signature says: "Judging from the handwriting of Thomas Duncan it seems very likely he was blind at time of signing his will, as the letters are formed as they would naturally be by a person who could not see." Another matter of some significance is the name William of his eldest son and the name Margaret of the eldest child of his son Stephen. While the reasoning is very plausible, necessary proof is wanting, as far as I know, and I have prepared the Duncan genealogy beginning with Thomas Duncan of Cumberland County instead of Rev. William Duncan of Perthshire, Scotland. Hoping, however, that records will be brought to light confirming the truth of certain traditions. "So all our doubts by time let them be cleared; fortune brings in some boats that are not steered."

The genealogical system adopted in this book is simple and makes the work of the searcher easy. A number for each child and a plus mark before the number for each child who later became the head of a family.





# Thomas Duncan and His Six Sons

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## FIRST GENERATION

1. THOMAS DUNCAN, m. Jane ——. He was as early as 1740 a resident of Cumberland Co., Pa., Hopewell Township. He was a First Settler, a brave pioneer of Christian civilization in a new country. He died in 1776. Will on record at Carlisle, Pa. Date, 1766. Probated, 1776. There is no record of will or deeds of his wife, Jane, and it is presumed she died between 1766 and 1776.

Children of Thomas Duncan and Jane ——:

- +2. (1.) William Duncan.
- 3. (2.) John Duncan.
- +4. (3.) Stephen Duncan.
- +5. (4.) David Duncan.
- 6. (5.) Samuel Duncan.
- +7. (6.) Daniel Duncan.

(It has been accepted but not proven that Daniel and Stephen Duncan were twins.)



# Daniel Duncan and His Descendants

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## SECOND GENERATION

7. DANIEL DUNCAN. In February, 1763, at the first sale of lots in Shippensburg he purchased Lots 32, 38, 120 and 121. Daniel Duncan built a stone house on Lot 32 in which he resided until his death. He served in the War of the Revolution in Third Battalion, Cumberland County Militia. *Penna. Archives, Sixth Series, Vol. iv, p. 548.* He d. intestate late in 1790 or early in 1791, leaving all his children minors but one. He was a member of Old Stone Middle Spring Presbyterian Church.

The American Genealogical Company,  
733 Walnut Street, Phila.,  
26th. October, 1894.

Mrs. J. Morgan Smith,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Madam,—

Respecting your recent commission we have the honor to report our President went to Cumberland county last week and was absent two days on the Duncan search. We examined all the Duncan wills in the Co. without finding mention of your grandfather and began to fear we might fail in the search, but after exhausting these records we went to the office of the Recorder of Deeds hoping to find a deed from Arnold Duncan conveying an interest in lands inherited from his father, whoever he might be. In this we were most fortunate. By deed of 10th March, 1803, Arnold Duncan and Martha his wife conveyed to Nicholas Clopper of Chambersburg their interest in several tracts of land "late of Daniel Duncan of Shippensburg, deceased." While such deed did not recite that Daniel was the father of Arnold we felt confident he was, and a little later found proof of the fact in a deed executed April 1st, 1803, by John Duncan and Elizabeth his wife to the said Clopper for his John Duncan's interest in the same lands mentioned in the deed of Arnold Duncan. The deed of John made the important recital that he was the son of Daniel and that his father died intestate leaving to survive him the following children: "Nancy, wife of

Robert Elliott, now relict, Joseph, Sarah, wife of Francis Campbell, Arnold, Samuel, John, Jesse, Eleanor and Mary." Returning to the Wills office we found letters of Administration were granted on the estate of Daniel Duncan January 22nd, 1791, to James Dunlap and Thomas Duncan, Esq., (the latter a nephew of Daniel Duncan and a rising young attorney), and Robert Caldwell, and as letters of Administration are usually granted within a few days after death we infer your great-grandfather died in January of that year.

Your great-grandfather's estate was a very large one for those times. The inventory shows the personal estate to have been appraised at over 11,000 pounds and the landed interests as shown by deeds of his children were very large. We believe him to have been the wealthiest citizen of Shippensburg. As soon as we settled who was the father of Arnold we were able to give the name of your great-great-grandfather as we had previously found the will of Thomas Duncan dated 1766. The christian name of Daniel Duncan's wife was Dianah, which we found in a deed in which they convey land. Your grandmother Duncan was a daughter of Robert Patterson which fact we have just settled by record of a case argued in the Supreme Court of Penna. in 1812, abstracts of which we enclose. The inventory filed in the estate of your great-grandfather Daniel Duncan is one of the longest we have ever seen. It is written on fool's cap paper, the pages tacked together at the bottom with yellow silk and when opened was nearly two yards in length. Until we examined it we doubt if it had been seen by mortal eye for one hundred years. He was an extensive landowner, and among the tracts which descended to his children were one of 250 acres, three of 250 acres each, one of 460 acres, one of 90 acres and one of 700 acres—the latter in Mifflin county. We enclose some genealogical notes and a description of the arms of Scotch Duncans. In the *System of Armory*, by Alexander Nisbet, published in 1732, the arms of several Duncans of Scotland are given. Duncan of Searide, Duncan of Mott, Duncan of Ardoune. While all differ slightly there is sufficient likeness to show they had a common origin. Duncan of Ardoune: *Gules*, on a chevron between two cinquefoils in Chief and a hunting horn in base (base). *Argent*, virules and stringed *azure*. Three buckles of the left (last). CREST; a gray hound, issuing (issuing) from wreath proper. Colored *or*. Motto—*Vivat Veritas*. This motto is most in use by





Duncan



Duncans of the present day. Another is also quoted. "*Dubisque Secindus Rectus.*" (In every fortune firm.)

We have the honor to remain

Very truly yours,

The American Genealogical Company,  
J. Granville Leach, President.

Daniel Duncan, m. first —.

Issue:

+8. (1.) Ann Duncan.

Daniel Duncan, m. second Dianah Jacob 1769. She d. January 4th, 1791, about the date of her husband's death. Letters of Administration were granted her son Joseph Duncan, February 13th, 1794. It is recorded in a case in the Supreme Court (Joseph Duncan, Administrator) "of Dianah Duncan deceased against Administrators of Daniel Duncan, deceased," 3 Yeates, p. 203. that "Dianah Duncan was the widow of Daniel Duncan deceased" and that she d. 4th January, 1791.

Issue of Daniel Duncan and wife Dianah Jacob:

+ 9. (2.) Joseph Duncan.

+10. (3.) Sarah Duncan.

+11. (4.) Arnold Duncan.

+12. (5.) Samuel Duncan.

+13. (6.) John Duncan.

14. (7.) Jesse Duncan, b. October 16th, 1782. Unmarried. "Died in Natchez, Mississippi 1804, Aged 22 years." (Notice of death in Carlisle, Pa., Gazette.)

+15. (8.) Eleanor Duncan, b. 1784, m. her cousin, Robert Duncan, son of Stephen Duncan, March 28th, 1805. She d. at Bolton House, Harrisburg, Pa., April, 1861. Her husband, Robert Duncan, d. in Armstrong Co., Pa. Lived in the Old Manor House in Armstrong Co.

Robert Duncan and Eleanor Duncan had one child; Mary Frances Duncan, b. 1807, d. in Chambersburg, Pa., in 1890. Unmarried.

16. (9.) Mary Duncan, b. 1786. Her will dated April, 1823. Probated January 9th, 1850. Unmarried.

## THIRD GENERATION

**8.** ANN OR NANCY DUNCAN, b. 1764; d. 1825; m., first, Colonel Robert Elliott of Hagerstown, Md., March 18, 1781. (He was a widower with children, viz.: 1, Daniel Duncan Elliott; 2, William Elliott; 3, Wilson Elliott; 4, Patience Elliott.)

William was in the British Army and Wilson in the American Army. These brothers met in a personal encounter at the battle of Fort Meigs.

Patience Elliott married General Robert Callender Irvine of Philadelphia. He was Commissioner-General of Purchases, U. S. A. His son, Dr. William Irvine, m. his cousin, Sarah Jane Duncan, daughter of Dr. Stephen Duncan of Natchez, Miss. They had three children: Callender Irvine, Mary, who m. Thomas M. Biddle, and Sarah, who m. Dr. Newbold of Philadelphia.

Daniel Duncan (father of Ann or Nancy) was an intimate friend of Colonel Robert Elliott and entrusted his young daughter, Ann, to him to be placed at boarding school in Philadelphia and instead of doing this he married her in the First Baptist Church in Philadelphia.

Colonel Elliott and his servant were killed by the Muskingham Indians, September, 1794, while on his way to join General Wayne in the West, and he and his servant were buried side by side in the old Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Children of Col. Robert Elliott and Ann (Duncan) Elliott:

+17. (1.) Jesse Duncan Elliott, b. July 14th, 1782.

18. (2.) Sinclair (St. Clair) Elliott, b. 1784.

He was in U. S. Navy—attached to the President, under Commodore Samuel Barron. He resigned July 26th, 1815. He d. early. Unmarried.

+19. (3.) Harriet Elliott, b. 1786, m. November 16th, 1802.

Ann (Duncan) Elliott, m. second, about 1805, Col. Daniel Hughes of Hagerstown, Md. He was b. 1744, d. December 5th, 1818. Ann (Duncan) Elliott was the third wife of Col. Daniel Hughes.

Children of Col. Daniel Hughes and Ann (Duncan) Elliott Hughes:

20. (4.) Rebecca Lux Hughes, b. 1807, d. March 24th, 1833; m. about 1832, Dr. Joseph Martin of Eastern Shore, Md.



Rebecca Lux Hughes died at the birth of her first child, and after her death her relatives brought suit for her estate but Dr. Martin and nurse swore the child breathed a few times after the mother died, and the court ruled the father was the legal heir.

Rebecca Lux (Hughes) Martin and her mother are buried side by side in the Presbyterian cemetery in Hagerstown, Md. On the tombstone of Ann (Duncan) Hughes is the following inscription:

"Sacred to the memory of Ann, widow of Daniel Hughes, who departed this life August 29th, 1825, aged ——." (This blank was never filled out.)

The inscription on the tomb of her daughter reads:

"Sacred to the memory of Rebecca Lux Martin, dau. of Col. Daniel and Mrs. Hughes, who d. March 24th, 1833, aged 26 years."

"There remaineth a rest for the people of God."

**9.** JOSEPH DUNCAN, b. 1772, m. Ruth Rippey December 9th, 1791. She was a daughter of William Rippey of Shippensburg, Pa., who was commissioned January 7th, 1776, Captain 6th Pennsylvania Battalion Continental Line. *Penna. Archives 3rd. Series, Vol. 23, page 271.*

Children of Joseph Duncan and Ruth Rippey:

21. (1.) Juliana Duncan, m. ——— Wallace. She d. after 1818.
22. (2.) William Duncan, d. unmarried. He was a distinguished officer of the Regular Army.
- +23. (3.) Margaret Chambers Duncan, m. Edward A. Hannegan, U. S. Senator of Indiana.
24. (4.) John Duncan, d. unmarried. He was an officer in the Regular Army.
- +25. (5.) Jesse Stewart Duncan, a lawyer, d. in Ohio.
- +26. (6.) Daniel Duncan, b. July 22nd, 1803.

**10.** SARAH DUNCAN, m. Francis Campbell. He was a merchant of Shippensburg. He d. intestate in 1808.

Children of Francis Campbell and Sarah Duncan:

27. (1.) Francis Campbell, Jr. He removed to Chillicothe, Ohio. Was a wealthy, prominent citizen. Unmarried.

- 28. (2.) Daniel Campbell, died young.
- 29. (3.) Margaret (Peggy). Some say the name was Elizabeth.
- +30. (4.) Mary Ann Campbell.
- +31. (5.) Samuel Duncan Campbell, b. in Shippensburg.
- +32. (6.) Eleanor (Ellen) Campbell.
- +33. (7.) James Parker Campbell. ("Reported to Presbytery, April 13th, 1808. Son of Sarah Campbell." See *History Middle Spring Presbyterian Church* p. 71.)—K. D. S.

**11.** ARNOLD DUNCAN, b. April 16th, 1776, m. Martha (Patty) Patterson about 1797-8, daughter Robert Patterson and Mary Mil-lard. He was elected Lieutenant, August 15th, 1796, Light In-fantry Company. Thomas Martin, Captain. *Penna. Archives, Vol. IV*, p. 548, War 1812.

Recorded at Carlisle, Pa., is a deed to Nicholas Clopper dated June 1, 1803, signed by Arnold Duncan and Patty Duncan, to "one tenth interest in a stone house and two lots of ground in Shippens-burg, the same in which the said Daniel Duncan did reside in." Cumberland Co. Records show Arnold Duncan was taxed in 1805 for two houses, two lots, a cotton factory. In 1811 he was taxed for two lots and two houses. There is no record at Carlisle of the sale of his property, but as he was taxed last in 1811, it is pre-sumed he left Pennsylvania about 1812-1813. He removed to Virginia and settled in Shenendoah Co. near New Market. His wife d. there in August 1819. His second wife was Susana Stuart, widow of Archibald Stuart, of Botetourt Co., whom he married about 1836. No issue by this marriage. With his wife and slaves he removed to Alabama in 1836-7, and settled in Chambers Co. He died January 31st, 1851 and is buried in West Point, Ga., as stated in his obituary appearing in Philadelphia papers, a copy of which is in the Family Bible of his son, Daniel Duncan. His widow died 1868. Will dated September 10, 1867.

Children of Arnold Duncan and Martha Patterson:

- 34. (1.) Maria, b. about 1799; m., first, John Saxon of Virginia; m., second, Col. Joseph Whitaker of Georgia. One child d. in infancy.
- 35. (2.) Sarah Ann, b. March 12th, 1801, d. February 21st, 1802.

- +36. (3.) Daniel, b. in Shippensburg, Pa., May 11th, 1803.
- 37. (4.) Diana, b. 1805; m. Adam Rodefer. Family moved West in 1827.
- 38. (5.) Robert.
- +39. (6.) John Patterson.

**12.** SAMUEL DUNCAN, b. in Shippensburg, Pa., March 1st, 1778, m. March 6th, 1800, Elizabeth Creagh. He d. in Uniontown, Pa., June 2nd, 1819. She was b. February 23rd, 1779, d. in Uniontown, Pa., Dec. 2nd, 1829.

Children of Samuel Duncan and Elizabeth (Creagh):

- +40. (1.) Jane Creagh Duncan, b. March 1st, 1801, m. Fidelia Hughes Oliphant. She d. 1875.
- +41. (2.) John Kennedy Duncan, b. March 2nd, 1803, m. Anna Woodbridge Oliphant.
- +42. (3.) Jesse Henry Duncan, b. February 6th, 1806.
- 43. (4.) Mary C. Duncan, b. July 1st, 1808, d. s. p.
- 44. (5.) Samuel Duncan, b. October 2nd, 1816, m. Margaret L. Long.

**13.** JOHN DUNCAN, b. 1780; m., first, 1802, Catherine Redette. He m., second, Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt in 1816. He d. May, 1847. She was b. June 8th, 1793, d. July 7th, 1862.

Children of John Duncan and first wife:

- 45. (1.) Daniel Duncan, b. 1803, d. s. p. Was in the Mexican War.
- 46. (2.) Jesse Duncan, d. young.
- +47. (3.) Catherine (Kitty), b. 1808, m. Allen Rippey, d. 1884.
- 48. (4.) Stephen Duncan moved to Kansas.
- +49. (5.) Robert Duncan, m. and lived in St. Joseph, Mich.

Children of John Duncan and second wife:

- +50. (6.) Benjamin F. Duncan, b. 1818, m. Mary —.
- 51. (7.) Samuel Duncan, d. in Mexico during Mexican War.
- +52. (8.) Mary Ellen Duncan, m. Samuel Laird of Philadelphia.
- +53. (9.) Margaret Morris Duncan, m. Rev. N. S. Buckingham.



54. (10.) Francis (Frank) Duncan, m. Nellie Hall in Darlington, Wis.
- +55. (11.) John Elliott Duncan, b. 1835.

#### FOURTH GENERATION

**17.** JESSE DUNCAN ELLIOTT, b. July 14th, 1782, d. Dec. 18th, 1845; m. April 12th, 1812, Frances Cann Vaughn, b. May 26th, 1791 in Gloucester Co., Va., d. December 22nd, 1877, in York, Pa.

Jesse Duncan Elliott was educated and studied law in Carlisle, Pa. His father was killed by the Muskingam Indians in 1794, and Congress granted a gratuity to his widow, and President Jefferson forwarded warrants for Midshipmen in the Navy to her two sons. The warrants were dated April 2nd, 1804, and were accompanied by orders attaching Jesse Duncan to the Essex—Commodore James Barron—and Sinclair to the President—Commodore Samuel Barron. Sinclair resigned 26th of July, 1815. He died early.

From Scharf's History of Western Maryland:

"Jesse Duncan Elliott rose rapidly in rank and was made Captain at the age of thirty. In the war with Great Britain in 1812, he was sent to the Upper Lakes to purchase vessels and make other naval preparations. On this expedition he captured two armed British brigs with a cargo valued at \$200,000 and for this naval success was voted a sword by Congress. He commanded the Madison in the capture of York in 1813, and was promoted to rank of Major. Commanded the Niagara in the battle of Lake Erie, was second in command in Perry's victory and received a gold medal from Congress. In 1813 was in command of the Ontario, sloop of war in Decatur's squadron against Algiers. Was engaged in 1818 to 1824 in selecting sites for dock-yards, light-houses and fortifications on the N. C. coast. He commanded the West India squadron in 1828 and afterward was in command of the Charleston Navy Yard. In 1835 he was in command of the Constitution—known as "Old Ironsides," which weathered the fearful storm so graphically described by 'an eye witness.' He was honorary member of the Society Cincinnati by resolution of the Md. Commandary. In 1843 he was appointed in command of the Philadelphia Navy Yard and died there December 18th, 1845. At his request he was buried under the flag staff at Philadelphia Navy Yard."



In 1835 he erected a monument on the grave of his father, bearing the inscription: "In memory of Robert Elliott slain by a party of Indians while in the service of his country. Placed by his son Commodore Jesse Duncan Elliott U. S. N., 1835." "Damon and Fidelity."

Children of Commodore Jesse Duncan Elliott and Frances Cann (Vaughn) :

- 56. (1.) Sarah Ann Elliott, b. February 24th, 1813, at Hagerstown, Md., d. 1816, unmarried.
- +57. (2.) Mary Duncan Elliott, b. November 7th, 1815.
- 58. (3.) Harriet Elliott, b. August 17th, 1817, m. Lieutenant Charles Robinson of Boston, Mass.
- 59. (4.) Catherine Howell Elliott, b. April 18th, 1823, in Norfolk, Va., d. unmarried.
- +60. (5.) Washington LaFayette Elliott, b. March 31st, 1825.
- +61. (6.) Frances Rebecca Elliott, b. April 12th, 1828, Carlisle, Pa., m. Jacob R. Spangler of Pennsylvania.

**19.** HARRIET ELLIOTT, b. 1786, m. in First Presbyterian Church of Carlisle, Pa., November 16th, 1802, her cousin, Stephen Duncan, s. of Stephen and Ann (Fox) Duncan.

Children of Stephen Duncan and Harriet (Elliott) Duncan :

- +62. (1.) Ann Ellen Duncan, m. March 28th, 1822, in Selin-grove, Pa., George A. Snyder, Esq., son of Governor Snyder of Pennsylvania.
- +63. (2.) James Fox Duncan, U. S. N., m. Virginia Stone of Norfolk, Va.
- +64. (3.) Mary Louisa Duncan, m. Rev. John Williamson McCullough, D.D. He was b. near Newville, Cumberland Co., Pa., November 14th, 1801.
- 65. (4.) Lucy Duncan, m. Mr. Ahl. Moved West.
- 66. (5.) Jesse Duncan, U. S. N., d. unmarried.
- +67. (6.) Harriet Elliott Duncan, m. her cousin, John Oliphant. His mother was Jane Creagh Duncan.
- 68. (7.) Robert Duncan, U. S. N., d. August 22nd, 1820. "Record. Duncan, Robert E., Midshipman, July 4th, 1817. May 20th, 1818, ordered to report to Captain Jesse Duncan Elliott for duty at Norfolk, Va. (dead)."

**23.** MARGARET CHAMBERS DUNCAN, m. U. S. Senator Edward A. Hennegan of Indiana. Issue:

+69. (1.) Selman Key Hannegan, m. Mary Key Nelson.

**25.** JESSE STEWART DUNCAN, a lawyer, d. in Ohio. Married ——.

Children of Jesse Stewart Duncan and ——:

70. (1.) Ellen Duncan, d. young.

**26.** DANIEL DUNCAN, b. July 22nd, 1803, d. May 18th, 1849; m. Mary Munro Converse, dau. of Col. Daniel Converse, a pioneer of Ohio, and historical character of that state. Daniel Duncan removed to Ohio at an early age with his cousins, Francis and Samuel Campbell from Shippensburg, but returned to Pennsylvania and completed his education, and finally settled in Newark, Ohio. He was a lawyer and an old Whig politician, serving Ohio in the State Legislature and in Congress several terms. He d. in Washington, May 18th, 1849. His wife d. 1856, leaving four children.

Children of Daniel Duncan and Mary Munro Converse:

71. (1.) Ellen Duncan, m. William Cary Graham of New Orleans, La., January 11th, 1860. He d. April 29th, 1879. She m., second, September 3rd, 1887, Maltby Gilson Lane of New York. He d. July 1st, 1889. No children.

+72. (2.) Mary Duncan, m. Judge John Hunter of Ohio.

+73. (3.) Charles Converse Duncan, m. Sarah Talmadge Effinger.

+74. (4.) Alice Goddard Duncan, m. Frank L. Church of Illinois.

**30.** MARY ANN CAMPBELL, m. Charles Smith Carson, November 5th, 1816.

Children of Mary Ann Campbell and Charles Smith Carson:

75. (1.) Ann Ellen Carson, b. July 31st, 1817, m. Theodore Gratz.

76. (2.) John Carson, b. October 2nd, 1819, m. Susan Kenny.

77. (3.) Sarah Carson, b. September 15th, 1820, m. Francis Wyeth.

78. (4.) Frank Carson, b. July 19th, 1822. Unmarried.

79. (5.) Margaretta Carson, b. September 30th, 1827. Unmarried.
80. (6.) Mary Louisa Carson, b. June 1st, 1829, m. Henry D. Schmidt.
81. (7.) Sally Duncan Carson, b. April 4th, 1833, d. in infancy.

**31.** SAMUEL DUNCAN CAMPBELL. Went with his brother Francis, to Chillicothe, Ohio. He m. ——. Issue :

82. (1.) Mrs. Clark Story.
  83. (2.) Mrs. James Quinn.
- Both of Chillicothe, Ohio.

**32.** ELEANOR (ELLEN) CAMPBELL, m. William McLure.

Children of Ellen Campbell and William McLure :

84. (1.) Fannie McLure, m. Thomas Feenon.
85. (2.) Marilda McLure, m. Captain Shroeder.
86. (3.) Sarah McLure, m. Andrew Porter.
87. (4.) Robert McLure, m. Lives in Chicago.
88. (5.) Margaret McLure. Unmarried.
89. (6.) Francis McLure, m. Lives in Philadelphia.
90. (7.) William McLure.
91. (8.) James McLure.

**33.** JAMES PARKER CAMPBELL, b. 1806, d. in Cincinnati, 1848; m. Harriet Drake, dau. of Dr. Daniel Drake. Issue :

92. (1.) Frank Duncan Campbell.
93. (2.) James Parker Campbell.
94. (3.) Nellie Campbell, m. Mr. Bridgeman of Stamford, Conn.

**36.** DANIEL DUNCAN, b. in Shippensburg, Pa., May 11th, 1803; m. December 3rd, 1835, Rachel Harrington of Union District, S. C.

In early manhood Daniel Duncan was admitted to the bar and was a practicing lawyer several years, but under the influence of his pious wife he became religious and in 1845 he entered the ministry of the M. E. C. S. His character and life are portrayed in tributes paid his memory after his death, October 28th, 1891, in Birmingham, Ala. "His ministry extended over a period of forty-four years, dur-



ing which he filled many important and responsible positions in the church. He was a man of noble life. He was never known to engage in anything small or unmanly. He had a warm, generous heart and a cheerful, sunny nature and made and held many devoted friends. He was naturally demonstrative, and usually expressed himself with great earnestness on subjects on which he had occasion to speak. He was an earnest and forcible preacher, and often catching the fire of his heavenly theme, he grew sublimely eloquent. He was recognized a man of influence and leadership when the roll of ministers of the M. E. C. S. included McTyeire, Hamilton, Summers, Ferguson and others. He was a man of undaunted courage. He feared God but 'not the face of man.' He died, after a brief illness, resigned, conscious and peaceful and when dying expressed perfect confidence in the complete fulfillment of all God's promises saying—"I am prepared for the events of the Great Beyond. What a glorious inheritance is soon to be mine." "

His devoted, saintly wife d. December 29th, 1890, and both are buried in Talladega, Ala.

Children of Daniel Duncan and Rachel Harrington:

- 95. (1.) Martha (Patty) Ann Maria Duncan, b. April 3rd, 1837, d. December 1st, 1852. She was a student at Oak Bowery Female College at time of her death. Buried at Dayton, Ala. Her grave was marked by a friend.
- 96. (2.) John Clarence Linden Duncan, b. July 22nd, 1839, d. October 20th, 1840.
- + 97. (3.) John Cullen Duncan.
- + 98. (4.) Katherine Thomas Duncan.
- + 99. (5.) Rachel Rebecca Duncan.
- 100. (6.) Matilda Elizabeth Duncan, b. January 25, 1853, d. July 30, 1858.
- 101. (7.) Daniel Harrington Duncan, b. June 29th, 1859, d. March 4th, 1897.

**39.** JOHN PATTERSON DUNCAN, b. September 9th, 1809, m. Harriet Bussey.

A friend writes of him: "John was very religious, very musical and a great favorite. Soon after his older brother, Daniel, joined the ministry in Alabama, John became a member of the Georgia Conference. They were very opposite in manner and feature, but



were decidedly religious. John became prominent in Georgia Methodism. He was in all respects a remarkable man. Very attractive in personal appearance, courtly in manner and with great gifts as a singer—his solos were noted in Georgia. He numbered among his friends the leading ministers and Laymen of Georgia, and was specially beloved by Bishop George F. Pierce who was his colleague in Macon, Ga. Great revivals always followed his preaching. He married first into an excellent Georgia family, Harriet Bussey, and after her death, married a widow Daniel of Americus, Ga. He became blind but went in his way cheerfully to the last.”

Children of John Patterson Duncan and Harriet Bussey :

- 102. (1.) Virginia Duncan, m. ——. They moved to Texas before the Civil War.
- 103. (2.) Florida Duncan, m. Col. Alfred Willis of Greensboro, Ga. She d. aged 29 years. Her husband and children moved to Texas in 1875.
- 104. (3.) John Patterson Duncan, Jr. Graduate of Emory College, Ga. Was first-lieutenant in a Georgia company of the Confederate Army. Was killed in battle of Manassas.
- 105. (4.) Nathaniel Duncan. Was a Confederate soldier. Died of disease.
- 106. (5.) Charles Duncan, m. Miss Kidd, d. and left wife and children in Baker Co., Ga.
- 107. (6.) Robert Daniel Duncan, d. aged 14 years.
- +108. (7.) Susana Bussey Duncan.

Children of John Patterson Duncan and second wife, widow Daniel :

- +109. (1.) Margaret Duncan.
- 110. (2.) Sarah Duncan, m. John F. Redding, widower of her half-sister, Susana B. Duncan.

**40.** JANE CREAGH DUNCAN, b. March 1st, 1801, d. 1875, m. Fidelia Hughes Oliphant.

Children of Fidelia Hughes Oliphant and Jane Creagh (Duncan) :

- +111. (1.) Samuel Duncan Oliphant, m. ——.

- 112. (2.) Orlando Oliphant.
- 113. (3.) Jesse Henry Oliphant.
- 114. (4.) Elizabeth Oliphant.
- 115. (5.) Mary Louisa Oliphant.
- 116. (6.) Jane Duncan Oliphant.
- 117. (7.) James Oliphant.
- 118. (8.) Sarah Ann Oliphant.
- 119. (9.) Ethelburt Hughes Oliphant.
- +120. (10.) Eleanor Duncan Oliphant, m. J. K. Stearnes.
- +121. (11.) John Kennedy Duncan Oliphant, d. January 29th, 1896, at Toledo, Ohio; m. Harriet Duncan, his cousin, dau. of Stephen Duncan and Harriet (Elliott) Duncan. She d. January 28th, 1897.

**41.** JOHN KENNEDY DUNCAN, b. March 2nd, 1803, m. Anna Woodbridge Oliphant.

Children of John Kennedy Duncan and Anna Woodbridge (Oliphant) :

- 122. (1.) John Kennedy Duncan, d. young.
- 123. (2.) Samuel Kennedy Duncan, d. in El Paso, Texas, 1868.
- 124. (3.) Nathaniel Ewing Duncan, living in Kansas City, Mo.
- 125. (4.) Orlando Duncan, d.
- 126. (5.) Henry Duncan.
- 127. (6.) Ashbel Fairchild Duncan of Dubuque, Iowa.
- 128. (7.) Hugh Campbell Duncan.
- 129. (8.) Edgar Wilson Duncan, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**42.** JESSE HENRY DUNCAN, b. February 6th, 1806, m., first, Susan F. Oliphant; m., second, Frances M. Lewis.

Children of Jesse Henry Duncan and Susan F. (Oliphant) :

- 130. (1.) Elizabeth Creagh Duncan, m. J. T. Coplan. They lived at Holton, Kan.
- 131. (2.) Sarah Louisa Duncan, m. Judge John H. Bradley. Live in Chicago.

Children of Jesse Henry Duncan and second wife, Frances M. (Lewis) :

- 132. (3.) Mary Howell Duncan, m. Benjamin Binford. He d. and his wife and three children live in Lincoln, Neb.
- 133. (4.) John Kennedy Duncan, m. Miss Banks of Connecticut. He d. Had two children—a son and a daughter, who live in Chicago.
- 134. (5.) Fannie Lewis Duncan, m. L. S. Kilburn. Live in Marshalltown, Iowa.
- 135. (6.) Caroline Clark Duncan, m. Robert Binford. Live in Lincoln, Neb.

**47.** CATHERINE (KITTY) DUNCAN, b. 1808, m. Allen Rippey. She was called the “belle of Shippensburg.” She d. March 14th, 1884.

Children of Catherine (Kitty) Duncan and Allen Rippey:

- +136. (1.) Elizabeth Rippey, m. Joseph Bender.
- 137. (2.) Sarah Rippey, m. ——— Dock of Waynesboro, Pa.
- 138. (3.) William Allen Rippey.
- 139. (4.) Joseph Franklin Rippey.
- 140. (5.) Duncan Rippey. He d. young, leaving a wife of six months.
- +141. (6.) Susan Catherine Rippey, m. Thomas Daugherty.
- 142. (7.) Margaret Rippey, d. in infancy.
- 143. (8.) Margaret II, d. in infancy.

**49.** ROBERT DUNCAN, m. ———, and lived in St. Joseph, Mich.

Child of Robert Duncan and ———:

- 144. (1.) John Duncan, lived in Calumet, Mich.

**50.** BENJAMIN F. DUNCAN, b. 1818, m. Mary ———.

Children of Benjamin F. Duncan and Mary ———:

- 145. (1.) David Duncan, d. young.
- 146. (2.) Laura Duncan, m. ——— Hefflebower and lives in Los Angeles, Cal.
- 147. (3.) Ella Duncan, a teacher in Wilson College.
- 148. (4.) Elizabeth Morris Duncan, m. ——— Hayes of Findley, Ohio. She is a celebrated singer.
- 149. (5.) Benjamin F. Duncan, Jr., lives in Shippensburg, Pa.



150. (6.) John Duncan was editor of the Roanoke, Va., Leader.

**52.** MARY ELLEN DUNCAN, m. Samuel Laird of Philadelphia.

Children of Samuel Laird and Mary Ellen (Duncan) :

151. (1.) Albert Laird.

152. (2.) John Laird.

**53.** MARGARET MORRIS DUNCAN, m. Rev. N. S. Buckingham, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Children of Rev. N. S. Buckingham and Margaret Morris (Duncan) :

153. (1.) William Buckingham.

154. (2.) John Buckingham, lives in Boston, Mass.

155. (3.) Elizabeth Buckingham, m. Frank B. Marr, a lawyer of Germantown, Pa.

156. (4.) Anna Buckingham, m. ———, and lives in Philadelphia.

**55.** JOHN ELLIOTT DUNCAN, b. 1835, was an officer in the Federal Army during the Civil War. Married Virginia Waugh. She d. 1862. John Elliott Duncan m., second, Harriet Bray in Darlington, Wis., in 1869.

Children of John Elliott Duncan and his first wife :

157. (1.) Frank Duncan, d. in infancy.

158. (2.) Fred Duncan, m. and lives in Fresno, Cal.

159. (3.) Elizabeth Duncan, m. and lives in Chicago.

Children of John Elliott Duncan and his second wife :

160. (4.) Paul Duncan.

161. (5.) Agnes Duncan.

162. (6.) Jesse Duncan, d. in infancy.

163. (7.) Ruth Duncan, lives in Ames, Iowa.



## FIFTH GENERATION

**57.** MARY DUNCAN ELLIOTT, b. November 7th, 1815, d. December 17th, 1869; m. May 3rd 1838, Thomas B. Jacobs.

Children of Thomas B. Jacobs and Mary Duncan (Elliott) Jacobs:

164. (1.) Jesse Elliott Jacobs, b. March 10th, 1839; m. Margaret Ball, November 20th, 1872.

Jesse Elliott Jacobs at the request of his uncle, Gen. Washington LaFayette Elliott, was commissioned Adjutant-General by President Lincoln and served from July, 1862, to December, 1866, in commands General Elliott held of Divisions of the Army of the Potomac and Cumberland. Jesse Elliott Jacobs rose from Captain to Colonel of U. S. Volunteers and was mustered out September, 1866.

165. (2.) Cyrus Hamilton Jacobs, b. July 5th, 1841, d. April 26th, 1863.

166. (3.) Frances Margaret Jacobs, b. June 30th, 1844, unmarried.

167. (4.) Thomas Ball Jacobs, Jr., b. March 26th, 1846, d. November 15th, 1851.

168. (5.) Mary Duncan Jacobs, b. May 20th, 1850, unmarried.

169. (6.) William Vaughn Jacobs, b. June 19th, 1863; m. November 19th, 1890, Mary Whiffle of Winona, Minn.

170. (7.) Elizabeth E. Jacobs, b. February 6th, 1865, unmarried.

**60.** GENERAL WASHINGTON LAFAYETTE ELLIOTT, b. March 31st, 1825, at Carlisle, Pa., d. June 24th, 1888, in San Francisco, Cal.; m., first, Harriet B. Jones. He was an officer of the U. S. Army and served with honor from Lieutenant to Major from 1846 to 1861. Was promoted Colonel of the Second Iowa Volunteer Cavalry and commanded same at capture of Island No. 10 in April, 1862, and in the operations of Gen. Halleck around Corinth, Miss., until promoted to Brigadier General, U. S. Volunteers for his successful conduct of the first cavalry raid in the rear of Beauregard's army at Boonville, Miss. From July, 1862, to December, 1865, he had command of Divisions of the Army of the Potomac and Cumberland and rose to rank of Major General, U. S. A. At one time he com-

manded the Fourth Division of 35,000 men in the Cavalry Corps of the Army of the Cumberland. He was a thorough soldier and gentleman, of fine presence and engaging manners. He was retired after thirty years' service, 1880, and d. in San Francisco, Cal.

Children of General Washington LaFayette Elliott and first wife:

- 171. (1.) Jesse Elliott, m. Charles Woodward.
- 172. (2.) William Elliott.

General Washington LaFayette Elliott m., second, Valeria Biddle Blaney, August 26th, 1856, at Carlisle, Pa.

Children of General Washington LaFayette Elliott and second wife:

- 173. (3.) Kate Elliott, m. ——. Has lived in Germany most of the time. Her husband d. years ago.
- 174. (4.) Frances Vaughn Elliott, of Santa Monica, Cal.
- 175. (5.) George Blaney Elliott, d. January 7th, 1894.
- 176. (6.) Mary Biddle Elliott, m. June 5th, 1895, Herbert George Ponting, at San Francisco, Cal. She has two children.

**61.** FRANCES REBECCA ELLIOTT, b. April 12th, 1828, at Carlisle, Pa.; m. Jacob R. Spangler of Pennsylvania.

Children of Jacob R. Spangler and Frances Rebecca (Elliott) Spangler:

- 177. (1.) Elliott H. Spangler.
- 178. (2.) Henry A. Spangler.
- 179. (3.) Fannie C. Spangler:
- 180. (4.) Washington C. Spangler.
- 181. (5.) Ellen D. Spangler, the blind nun in the Dominican Convent at Newark, N. J., "Sister Mary of the Angels."

**62.** ANN ELLEN DUNCAN, b. March 28th, 1822; m. George A. Snyder, son of Governor Snyder of Pennsylvania.

Children of George A. Snyder and Ann Ellen (Duncan) Snyder:

- +182. (1.) Harriet Snyder, m. J. M. App.

- +183. (2.) Catherine Snyder, m. Noble J. Crain.
- 184. (3.) Lucy A. Snyder, d. single.
- 185. (4.) Henry F. Snyder, m. L. W. Willard. No children.
- +186. (5.) George S. Snyder, m. Anna M. Butler.
- +187. (6.) Ellen Snyder, m. Daniel Riley.
- 188. (7.) James Snyder, d. in infancy.
- +189. (8.) Antes Snyder, m. Emma F. Evans.
- 190. (9.) Jesse Duncan Snyder, m., first, Mrs. Kate Fribley;  
m., second, Mrs. Margaret Truxler.

**63.** JAMES FOX DUNCAN, U. S. N., m. Virginia Stone of Norfolk, Va.

Children of James Fox Duncan and Virginia (Stone) :

- 191. (1.) James Duncan, d. aged 5 years.
- +192. (2.) Harriet Elliott Duncan, m. Rev. Robert Gatewood.

**64.** MARY LOUISA DUNCAN, m. Rev. John Williamson McCullough, D.D. He was b. near Newville, Cumberland Co., Pa., November 14th, 1801.

Children of Rev. John Williamson McCullough and Mary Louisa (Duncan) McCullough :

- 193. (1.) Ellen McCullough, m. Mr. McClain.
- 194. (2.) Frances Ann McCullough, m. John Wyeth.
- 195. (3.) Howard McCullough.
- 196. (4.) Louisa B. McCullough, d. young.

**67.** HARRIET ELLIOTT DUNCAN, m. her cousin, John Oliphant, son of Jane Creagh (Duncan) and Fidelia Hughes Oliphant.

Children of John Oliphant and Harriet Elliott (Duncan) :

- 197. (1.) Fidelia Hughes Oliphant.
- 198. (2.) Stephen Duncan Oliphant, m. Ada M. McLean.
- 199. (3.) Bessie Oliphant.
- 200. (4.) Harriet Oliphant.
- 201. (5.) Ellen Oliphant, m. John C. Oliphant.
- 202. (6.) Janie Oliphant.
- 203. (7.) Ann Fox Oliphant, m. ——— Robinson.



**69.** SELMAN KEY HANNEGAN, m. Mary Key Nelson.

Children of Selman Key Hannegan and Mary Key (Nelson) :

- 204. (1.) E. A. Hannegan, 2nd, deceased.
- 205. (2.) Elizabeth Key Hannegan, deceased.
- 206. (3.) Mathilde Bruce Hannegan, deceased.
- +207. (4.) Duncan Daniel Hannegan.

**72.** MARY DUNCAN, m. Judge John A. Hunter of Ohio. He was Chief Justice of the Territory of Utah. Died in Salt Lake City, 1887.

Children of Judge John A. Hunter and Mary Duncan :

- +208. (1.) Ellen Duncan Hunter, m. Casper Von Ludovic Robertson.

**73.** CHARLES CONVERSE DUNCAN, m. Sarah Talmadge Effinger.

Children of Charles Converse Duncan and Sarah Talmadge Effinger :

- 209. (1.) Mary Hunter Duncan.
- 210. (2.) Carroll Converse Duncan, d. 1890.
- 211. (3.) Adeline Effinger Duncan.
- 212. (4.) Daniel Duncan.

**74.** ALICE GODDARD DUNCAN, m. Frank L. Church of Illinois.

Children of Frank L. Church and Alice Goddard (Duncan) :

- 213. (1.) Frank L. Church, Jr.
- 214. (2.) Lynn Church, d. 1890.
- 215. (3.) Duncan Church.
- 216. (4.) Converse Church.

**97.** JOHN CULLEN DUNCAN, b. September 8th, 1841 ; m. Marian Otts ; d. January, 1914.

He was a student at Southern University, Greensboro, Ala., and left in 1861 to enter the Confederate service. He enlisted in Company A, Eighth Confederate Regiment, Anderson's Brigade, Wheeler's corps. Was wounded twice in battle, had one horse killed under him and one wounded in battle. An army friend writes—"I remember once when going into battle our regiment was moving forward and your brother had been on the firing line and was coming back with blood almost all over him and I thought his end had come. I



remember well his calling to me saying—‘go in, Al, with the boys and whip them.’ ” His Captain writes of his service—“In all respects John Duncan was, to my knowledge, as fine a trooper as ever drew blade. He was the soul of honor and a well-spring of good humor and jollity. A good and graceful rider he bore himself as a paladin in battle and a genial gentleman at all times. Whenever we had opportunity to have a quiet, restful night by a blazing camp-fire John was ready to gather the half dozen or more singers and he would lead in the good old songs of other days. I boasted of many young men of unimpeachable morality in my beloved 100, but none stood the most trying tests of the trying times better than he. I will not say ‘peace to his ashes’ for his translated spirit is now enjoying that rest that ‘remains for the people of God.’ ”

#### LETTER OF CAPTAIN GEORGE KNOX MILLER

“Talladega, Ala., Feb. 12, 1914.

Your very kind letter of 7th Inst. received some days ago and I have been ‘screwing my courage to the sticking point’ attempting to give even a brief outline of the high esteem in which I held your gallant brother, the intrepid soldier and knightly trooper—John Cullen Duncan. Although writing under adverse circumstances by reason of partial paralysis of my pen and sabre hand, nothing would give me more pleasure in the evening of this earthly existence than bearing witness to the soldierly bearing and most high esteem in which I ever held, both in war and peace, a comrade in arms and most dear and faithful friend. You will note I began this penciled sketch 12th last month, but my feebleness has protracted the completion until now and I send it just as I think he would like for his old comrade to do, without reading and just as memory and the feeble hand of his former Captain jotted it down.

With kindest regards for you and survivors of your family,

Yours most truly,

Geo. Knox Miller,

Captain ‘Mountain Rangers’ (Company A),  
Eighth Confederate Cavalry Regiment,  
Under command General Joe Wheeler.”

After the war he practiced law for a few years, but like his father he felt the call of the ministry. After graduating at the Chicago Theological Seminary he entered the ministry of the South-

ern Presbyterian Church. He was learned and deeply pious and a faithful worker in his Master's vineyard. He d. January, 1914, in Birmingham, Ala., and is buried in Elmwood cemetery. Issue:

216A. John Caldwell Duncan. Living in Chicago.

**98.** KATHERINE THOMAS DUNCAN, b. February 26th, 1844; m. J. Morgan Smith, August 19th, 1863. He was b. August 9th, 1842, d. December 30th, 1902. Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, Ala.

### J. MORGAN SMITH

J. Morgan Smith—son of Hampton Sidney Smith and Sarah Antoinette Redd Smith—was born in Columbus, Ga. His father was an early settler of that city, prominent in the business and social life of the community, and when he decided to move to Mobile, Ala., the citizens of Columbus gave him a banquet as an expression of the city's regret at his departure and presented him two handsome silver pitchers which are still preserved as family relics. At the age of twelve years, Morgan was sent to the school of Dr. Henry Tutwiler, at Green Springs, Ala., and later was a student at the Preparatory School at Summerfield, Ala. He entered the University of Georgia in the Fall of 1859, where he was a popular and conscientious student, winning for the Demosthenian Society the Sophomore medal in the declamation contest. But war was calling the youth of the South and during the winter vacation he joined the famous Mobile Cadets, Company A, Third Alabama Regiment, which took possession of Fort Morgan in January, 1861, a month before Alabama seceded. The Company was mustered into Confederate service May 3rd, 1861, at Lynchburg, Va., and ordered to Norfolk. Later he was granted a furlough and returned to Mobile to assist in organizing a company of which his brother, Hampton Sidney Smith, Jr., was made Captain and he Junior Second Lieutenant. The Regiment was ordered to the Western Army, saw hard service and suffered heavy losses, especially in the battle of Murfreesboro, the siege of Vicksburg and battles around Jackson. He was paroled at Talladega, Ala., and signed the oath of amnesty, August 31st, 1865. In Alabama he passed most of his life, first in Talladega and in maturer years moving to Birmingham. He was a man of unquestioned honesty in his dealings with his fellowmen; a churchman of simple faith and modest expression; a loyal and genial friend with



a quick wit but kindly tongue. His mentality was of high order; his judgments clear and unbiased; his civic conscience active and wise. In his family life gentle, considerate and of great unselfishness. Patient because he was sympathetic; indulgent because he was generous; tender because he was brave. He left a heritage of strength and sweetness of character which has grown with years and understanding and must ever abide in the hearts of those who knew him best.

Ross C. Smith,  
Hampton Sidney Smith,  
Lucille Smith Earle.

*From* REPRESENTATIVE WOMEN OF THE SOUTH

"Among the many who may justly be claimed as representative Southern women not one is more deserving of recognition than Mrs. J. Morgan Smith who is truly representative of the South both old and new. In patriotic organizations she has held the highest offices of her State, having served ten years as State Regent and in appreciation of her service Alabama Daughters of the Daughters of the American Revolution have placed her portrait in Alabama Room Memorial Continental Hall. Additional evidence of their appreciation has been the establishment of a school in the mountain section of the State which bears the inscription 'Kate Duncan Smith Daughters of the American Revolution School.' In the National Society she is signally honored as one of the Honorary Vice-Presidents General. As President of the Alabama Society Colonial Dames she served eight years with ability and distinction. She has not neglected the social side of life and her home has always been the abiding place of gracious hospitality. Gifted with a lyric soprano of great sweetness and purity she has been an amateur singer of note and always a leader in the musical life of the community. Her activities have embraced Church, Civic, Literary and Educational lines and the calls of Charity have always found her responsive and sympathetic. She is a member of the Board of Lady Managers which built the Hillman Hospital (Charity) of Birmingham, Ala., and her name and those of her co-workers are carved in the enduring granite of the cornerstone."

Children of J. Morgan Smith and Katherine Thomas Duncan:

217. (1.) Rachel James Smith, d. in infancy.

- +218. (2.) Ross Cullen Smith.
- +219. (3.) Hampton Sidney Smith.
- 220. (4.) Lucille Smith, m. Samuel L. Earle.

**99.** RACHEL REBECCA DUNCAN, daughter of Daniel Duncan and Rachel (Harrington) Duncan, was b. June 19th, 1846; m. March 12th, 1865; d. October 23rd, 1906. She manifested early in her young life that frankness and decision of purpose, and action which ever characterized her and her ambition was to attain the highest and best in any undertaking. She had in a very marked degree many distinctly Duncan traits—a keen sense of humor, an affectionate, loving nature and unswerving loyalty to the traditions of her name. She was m. early to Richard H. Hayes of Nashville, Tenn., a Captain in the Confederate Army. His ancestors were among the founders of that city. His brother, J. Addison Hayes, m. Margaret, the eldest daughter of Jefferson Davis.

“A woman of purpose, great, broad and strong,  
Whose aim was toward the stars, who ever longed  
To make the patient, listening world resound  
With sweeter music, purer, nobler tones.”

She d. in San Antonio, Texas, and is buried in Talladega, Ala. Tombstone inscription: “In life much love was given her. Died in the faith of its fulness in Heaven.”

Children of Rachel Rebecca Duncan Hayes and Richard H. Hayes:

- 221. (1.) Duncan Hayes.
- 222. (2.) Joel Addison Hayes.
- 223. (3.) Smith K. Hayes.

**108.** SUSANA B. DUNCAN, m. Col. John F. Redding. She d. in 1881. Issue:

- 224. (1.) Annie Redding, m. E. L. Cook. Resides in Barnesville, Ga.

**109.** MARGARET DUNCAN, b. December 2nd, 1859, m. Henry Glazier. She d. 1897.

Children of Henry Glazier and Margaret Duncan:

- 225. (1.) John Redding Glazier.



- 226. (2.) Octavia Glazier.
- 227. (3.) John Duncan Glazier.
- 228. (4.) Henry Redding Glazier.

**111.** SAMUEL DUNCAN OLIPHANT, m. —.

Children of Samuel Duncan Oliphant :

- 229. (1.) John Campbell Oliphant, lives in Toledo, Ohio.
- 230. (2.)
- 231. (3.)
- 232. (4.)
- 233. (5.) Sidney Oliphant, lives in Trenton, N. J.

**120.** ELEANOR DUNCAN OLIPHANT, m. J. K. Stearnes, General Agent, Life Insurance Co., Chicago, Ill.

Children of J. K. Stearnes and Eleanor Duncan (Oliphant) :

- 234. (1.) Martha Stearnes.
- 235. (2.) Elise Stearnes.
- 236. (3.) A married dau.

**121.** JOHN KENNEDY DUNCAN OLIPHANT, m. his cousin, Harriet Duncan, dau. of Stephen Duncan and Harriet (Elliott).

Children of John Kennedy Duncan Oliphant and Harriet (Duncan) :

- 237. (1.) Ann Fox Oliphant, m. W. Robinson.
- 238. (2.) Janie Duncan Oliphant.
- 239. (3.) A son.

**136.** ELIZABETH RIPPEY, m. Joseph Bender.

Children of Joseph Bender and Elizabeth (Ripsey) :

- 240. (1.) Catherine Bender.
- 241. (2.) Lula Bender.

**141.** SUSAN CATHERINE RIPPEY, m. Thomas Daugherty.

Children of Thomas Daugherty and Susan Catherine Daugherty.

- +242. (1.) Jessie Elliott Daugherty, m. Thomas E. Sprowl.

- 243. (2.) Alice Haven Daugherty, m. Mr. Buck.
- 244. (3.) Thomas Daugherty, m. ——. Resides in Baltimore. Is a surgeon and physician. Issue:  
Thomas Daugherty, Ruth Daugherty.

### SIXTH GENERATION

**182.** HARRIETT SNYDER, m. J. M. App.

Children of J. M. App and Harriett (Snyder) App:

- 245. (1.) Emily App.
- 246. (2.) John App.
- 247. (3.) Ellen App.
- 248. (4.) George App.
- 249. (5.) Harry App.
- 250. (6.) Catherine App.

**183.** CATHERINE SNYDER, m. Noble J. Crain.

Children of Noble J. Crain and Catherine (Snyder) Crain:

- 251. (1.) Noble J. Crain.
- 252. (2.) Katie Crain.
- 253. (3.) Nellie Crain.

**186.** GEORGE S. SNYDER, m. Anna M. Butler.

Children of George S. Snyder and Anna M. (Butler) Snyder:

- 254. (1.) Lizzie Snyder, m. Frank Trump.
- 255. (2.) George Duncan Snyder.
- 256. (3.) Frederick Antes Snyder.
- 257. (4.) Anna B. Snyder.

**187.** ELLEN SNYDER, m. Daniel Riley.

Children of Daniel Riley and Ellen (Snyder) Riley:

- 258. (1.) George Riley, m. ——.
- 259. (2.) Harry W. Riley.
- 260. (3.) Jessie Duncan Riley.
- 261. (4.) Annie Riley.

**189.** ANTES SNYDER, m. Emma F. Evans.

Children of Antes Snyder and Emma F. (Evans) Snyder :

- 262. (1.) Fannie Evans Snyder.
- 263. (2.) Ellen Duncan Snyder, m. James E. Lintner.
- 264. (3.) Henry F. Snyder, d. in childhood.
- 265. (4.) Antes Latrobe Snyder.
- 266. (5.) Robert Evans Snyder, d. in childhood.
- 267. (6.) Emma Snyder.

**192.** HARRIET ELLIOTT DUNCAN, m. Rev. Robert Gatewood, D.D.

Children of Rev. Robert Gatewood and Harriet Elliott (Duncan) :

- 268. (1.) Dr. James D. Gatewood, m. Nannie W. M. Critcher.
- 269. (2.) Elizabeth Cunningham Gatewood.
- 270. (3.) Harriet Whitney Gatewood.
- 271. (4.) Hildreth Gatewood.
- 272. (5.) Dorothy Gatewood.
- +273. (6.) Richard Gatewood.
- 274. (7.) Robert C. Gatewood.
- 275. (8.) William Gatewood.
- 276. (9.) Virginia Gatewood.
- 277. (10.) Henry Gatewood.
- 278. (11.) Arthur R. Gatewood.

**207.** DUNCAN DANIEL HANNEGAN, m. Sally Carroll Burritt. Issue :

- 279. (1.) E. A. Hannegan, 3rd. Ensign, U. S. Navy.

**208.** ELLEN DUNCAN HUNTER, m. Casper Von Ludovic Robertson.

Children of Casper VonLudovic Robertson and Ellen Duncan (Hunter) :

- 280. (1.) Duncan Hope Robertson.
- 281. (2.) Howard Morley Robertson.

**218.** ROSS CULLEN SMITH, m. Jessie Eubank. Issue :

- 282. Rose Duncan Smith.



**219.** HAMPTON SIDNEY SMITH, m. Harriet Hampton Hewitt.

Children of Hampton Sidney Smith and Harriet Hampton (Hewitt) :

- 283. (1.) Hampton Sidney Smith, Jr., m. Kathleen Heyburn, August 20, 1928.
- +284. (2.) Hewitt Smith.
- 285. (3.) Kate Duncan Smith.
- 286. (4.) Harriet Hewitt Smith, m. David Bennett.
- +287. (5.) Lucille Smith.
- 288. (6.) Ross Smith.
- 289. (7.) Morgan Smith.

**242.** JESSIE ELLIOTT DAUGHERTY, m. Thomas E. Sprowl. Issue :

- +290. (1.) Norman Eugene Sprowl.
- 291. (2.) Robert Elliott Sprowl, b. July 31st, 1905. Graduated with honors in 1926, from Ohio State University. His course, Commerce and Journalism. He is a member of the "Big Ten Club" of Cleveland, Ohio—the ten big Colleges of the Middle West.

### SEVENTH GENERATION

**273.** RICHARD GATEWOOD, m. Frances H. Bryan, dau of Mary (Chambers) and Col. Thomas Bryan, U. S. A.

Children of Richard Gatewood and Frances H. (Bryan) :

- 292. (1.) Richard Duncan Gatewood.
- 293. (2.) Robert Gatewood.
- 294. (3.) Marie Chambers Gatewood.
- 295. (4.) Francis Gatewood.

**284.** HEWITT SMITH, m. Mattye Robinson. Issue :

- 296. Hewitt Smith, Jr.

**287.** LUCILLE SMITH, m. Arthur A. Adams, Jr. Issue :

- 297. Arthur A. Adams, III.

**290.** NORMAN EUGENE SPROWL, b. June 14th, 1894. He graduated from Case College of Applied Science, Cleveland, Ohio, as Electrical Engineer. Was commissioned Lieutenant in the World

War. Was in France more than a year. Had honorable mention a number of times and received the Croix de Guerre. Married after the war, Arelisle Leitch, of Philadelphia, July, 1919. He was sent to California by the Universal Film Corporation as Business Manager and Efficiency Engineer. He resigned afterwards to open his office of Efficiency Engineer in Hollywood. He is connected with all the large business organizations as public speaker.

Children of Norman Eugene Sprowl and Arelisle (Leitch) :

- 298. (1.) William Sprowl.
- 299. (2.) Edward Sprowl.
- 300. (3.) Kenneth Sprowl.

The popularity of the name Daniel was the source of some confusion in the Duncan family. In one generation—the fourth—there were three of the name born the same year who were known, respectively, as “Devil Dan,” “Decatur Dan,” “Dark Dan.”





# Stephen Duncan and His Descendants

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## SECOND GENERATION.

**4.** STEPHEN DUNCAN, b. 1729. Date of birth in a mourning ring belonging to Mrs. Ann M. Sutton, 311 Hamilton Street, Philadelphia. He m. Ann Fox. She was b. 1732, d. December 19th, 1796, at Carlisle, Pa. In possession of the family of Stephen Duncan of Natchez, Miss., is a copy of an old parchment deed from "The Proprietors of the Province of Pa. and counties of Kent, Newcastle and Sussex on the Delaware conveying certain lot of land etc., to Stephen Duncan, 'Merchant.' This indenture made the twelfth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, King of Great Brittain." Stephen Duncan was a prominent merchant and the heaviest taxpayer in Carlisle, Cumberland Co., Pa. He served as Treasurer of the County which office he resigned to accept the office of Member of the Assembly. He d. March 30th, 1794, at Carlisle. His will, dated 10th August, 1793, proved January 1st, 1795, recorded at Carlisle, Pa. Legatees, wife and nine children.

Children of Stephen Duncan and Ann (Fox) Duncan:

- +301. (1.) Margaret Duncan, m. Judge John Carson.
- +302. (2.) Thomas Duncan, m. Martha Callender.
- +303. (3.) John Duncan, m. Sarah C. Postlethwaite.
- +304. (4.) Lucy Duncan, m. Judge Jonathan Hoge Walker.
- +305. (5.) Ann Duncan, m. Rev. Samuel Mahon.
- +306. (6.) Robert Duncan, m. his first cousin, Eleanor Duncan.
- 307. (7.) James Duncan.
- +308. (8.) Stephen Duncan, m. his cousin, Harriet Elliott.
- 309. (9.) Mary Duncan, d. unmarried.

## THIRD GENERATION

**301.** MARGARET DUNCAN, m. January 4th, 1775, Judge John Carson, s. of John Carson and Ann Pyewell of Paxtang, Dauphin Co., Pa. She d. March 2nd, 1823.

Children of Judge John Carson and Margaret (Duncan):

310. (1.) Robert Duncan Carson of Lancaster, Pa., m. Susan Matilda Waugh. Issue: Thomas Duncan of Lancaster, Pa., m. Mary Eliza Hunt of Gorham, Maine, and had Robert Duncan Carson; Susan Waugh Carson.

**302.** THOMAS DUNCAN, b. November 20th, 1760, at Carlisle; m. April 29th, 1795, "Patty" Callender. He d. November 16th, 1827, at Philadelphia. She was b. 1766 in Carlisle, d. March 29th, 1852.

*Extracts from the Biography of Judge Duncan:*

"Few men have attained the great eminence in the profession of the law as the late Judge Duncan. His ancestors came from Scotland at an early period and his father was one of the first settlers of Carlisle and Judge Duncan was born there. He was educated under the immediate care of Dr. Ramsey, the Historian, and after the completion of his academic course he studied law under the late Judge Yeates at Lancaster and was admitted to the Bar in 1781. His rise was rapid and in less than ten years he was at the head of his profession in the midland counties of the State. For nearly thirty years he sustained this eminence and reaped the reward of his talents and learning. On March 14th, 1817, he was appointed by Gov. Snyder to fill the vacancy on the Bench of the Supreme Court of his former preceptor, Judge Yeates. He removed with his family to Phila. where he resided until his death. From those who were conversant with the character of Judge Duncan we learn he was specially distinguished for quickness and acuteness of discernment, promptness of decision and accurate and practical knowledge of men and things. In his legal arguments he was always master of his cause and in his addresses displayed a variety of talent seldom witnessed at the Bar. His opinions were given with directness and decision and during the ten years he sat on the Supreme bench he contributed largely to the stock of Judicial opinion and left behind in the volume of our Reports memorials of his industry, learning and talents which will be imperishable."

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"Mrs. Martha Duncan, relict of the late Judge Thomas Duncan of the Supreme Court, died Sunday night, 29th March, 1852. She was the daughter of Captain Callender of the Provincial Army.



She was a remarkably gifted woman and until after her eightieth year possessed all the mental and physical energy which marked her character. Nature exhausted she died without disease and descended to the grave in a full age 'like a shock of corn cometh in its season.' Her last request was 'Read me this Book,' and with these words she fell asleep."

Children of Judge Thomas Duncan and "Patty" (Callender) :

- +311. (1.) Robert Callender Duncan, m. Rebecca Huling.
- 312. (2.) John Duncan, m. Margaret Sterrett.
- +313. (3.) Stephen Duncan, m., first, Margaretta Stiles, February 12th, 1811; m., second, Louisa Pollard.
- 314. (4.) Anne Duncan, m. October 4th, 1808, Edward Stiles.
- 315. (5.) Frances Duncan, m. Col. Arthur Hayne of South Carolina.
- +316. (6.) Mary Duncan, m. her cousin, John D. Mahon, s. of Ann Duncan and Rev. Samuel Mahon.
- +317. (7.) Catherine Duncan, m. Thomas Chambers.
- 318. (8.) Martha Duncan, d. s. p.

**303.** JOHN DUNCAN, m. Sarah C. Postlethwaite. She came of a long line of ancestry, beginning in the days of the Saxon Heptarchy. Her mother, Matilda Rose (who m. Mr. Postlethwaite), and her aunt, Ursula Rose, were famed beauties in their day, known as the white Rose and the black Rose, Sarah being the blonde and Ursula (who m. Mr. Cochrane), the brunette. Benjamin West, when a youth, happened to see Matilda Rose standing in a barn doorway and was so struck by her appearance that he on the spot sketched her portrait. The family prized the picture as the early work of a man afterwards famous, but not long ago it was burned with the dwelling in which it was kept.

John Duncan was killed in a duel with Mr. Lamberton in 1793. The legend, or fairy story, in connection with the death of John Duncan is that the Banshee, which came over with the first Duncan, shrieked at the proper time, waking Stephen Duncan and his wife, who went out to see what it meant and met the body of their son being brought home after the duel at five o'clock in the morning.



Mrs. Sarah C. (Postlethwaite) Duncan, his widow, m., second, September 20th, 1797, Ephraim James Blaine, said to be the grandfather of the late James G. Blaine.

Children of John Duncan and Sarah C. (Postlethwaite):

- +319. (1.) Dr. Stephen Duncan, m., first, Margaret Ellis; m., second, Catherine Binghamman.
- 320. (2.) Samuel Duncan, unmarried.
- +321. (3.) Mary Anne Duncan, m. April 5th, 1808, Dr. James Gustine.
- 322. (4.) Matilda Duncan, unmarried.
- 323. (5.) Emily Duncan, unmarried.

**304.** LUCY (or LUCRETIA) DUNCAN, m. Judge Jonathan Hoge Walker, in 1790.

Children of Judge Jonathan Hoge Walker and Lucy (or Lucretia) (Duncan):

- 324. (1.) Stephen Duncan Walker, d. in infancy.
- +325. (2.) Duncan Stephen Walker, b. 1794, d. 1835.
- +326. (3.) Mary Anne (Marianne) Fox Walker, b. 1797, d. 1836; m., first, William Poyntell of Philadelphia; m., second, Dr. Joseph McElroy of Pittsburgh and New York.
- +327. (4.) Robert John Walker, b. 1801; m. Mary B. Bache.
- +328. (5.) Martha Elizabeth Duncan Walker, b. 1805, d. 1874; m. General William Perrine Cook of New Jersey. He was b. 1801, d. 1865.
- +329. (6.) Charlotte Corday Walker, b. 1807, d. 1842, m., first, Stephen Minor of Louisiana; m., second, E. Garnett Howell of Kentucky.
- 330. (7.) William Beccaria Walker, d. young.
- 331. (8.) Lucy Walker, d. in infancy.

**305.** ANN DUNCAN, m. June 22nd, 1792, Rev. Samuel Mahon.

Children of Rev. Samuel Mahon and Ann (Duncan):

- 332. (1.) Mary Mahon, b. 1794, m. Richard Henry Lee of Virginia, a grandson of Richard Henry Lee, of Revolutionary fame. Issue: Four daughters.

+333. (2.) John Duncan Mahon, b. 1796; m., first, Mary Duncan, his cousin, dau. of Judge Thomas Duncan. John Duncan Mahon d. July 3rd, 1862. He m., second, 1833, Mrs. Agnes Mary Irwin Rose, widow of Lieutenant William Rose, U. S. A. She was b. in 1805, d. January 15th, 1889.

334. (3.) Dr. David Nelson Mahon, b. 1798.

**306.** ROBERT DUNCAN, b. August 22nd, 1820; m. his cousin, Eleanor (Ellen) Duncan, March 28th, 1805. She was the dau. of Daniel Duncan. See No. 15.

Child of Robert Duncan and Ellen (Duncan) :

335. (1.) Mary Frances Duncan, d. unmarried.

**308.** STEPHEN DUNCAN, m. November 16th, 1802, his cousin Harriet Elliott, dau. of Col. Robert Elliott and Ann Duncan. Harriet Elliott, b. 1786. See No. 20.

Stephen Duncan owned and operated the first iron forge in Duncannon, Pa.

Children of Stephen Duncan and Harriet (Elliott) :

+336. (1.) Ann Ellen Duncan, m. March 28th, 1822, in Selingrove, Pa., George Snyder, s. of Governor Snyder of Pennsylvania. See No. 63.

+337. (2.) James Fox Duncan, U. S. N., m. Virginia Stone of Norfolk, Va.

+338. (3.) Mary Louisa Duncan, m. Rev. John Williamson McCullough, D.D. He was b. near Newville, Cumberland Co., Pa., November 14th, 1801.

339. (4.) Lucy Duncan, m. Mr. Ahl. Moved West.

340. (5.) Jesse Duncan, U. S. N., d. unmarried.

+341. (6.) Harriet Elliott Duncan, m. her cousin, John Oliphant, s. of Jane Creagh Duncan and Fidelia Hughes Oliphant. See No. 122.

342. (7.) Robert Duncan, U. S. N., d. August 22nd, 1820. (Record. "Duncan, Robert E., Midshipman, July 4th, 1817. May 20th, 1818, ordered to report for duty at Norfolk, Va., dead.")

## FOURTH GENERATION

**311.** ROBERT CALLENDER DUNCAN, m. May 21st, 1811, Rebecca Huling. She was b. March 26th, 1789, d. April, 1850.

Children of Robert Callender Duncan and Rebecca (Huling) :

- 343. (1.) Dr. Thomas Duncan, m. and his children d. in infancy.
- +344. (2.) Benjamin Stiles Duncan, m. —.

**313.** STEPHEN DUNCAN, b. in Carlisle, Pa., moved to Louisiana when a very young man. He m., first, Margaretta Stiles, February 18th, 1811. He m., second, Louisa Pollard. He lived on a plantation situated on Bayou Teche, St. Mary's Parish, La., on the Mississippi River delta. Ten or twelve years before the civil war, his financial affairs became involved. Shortly after a financial crash came and Stephen Duncan freed most of his slaves, sold a few, mortgaged his plantation and removed with his family to Washington, D. C., about 1853, and lived on C Street, North West, then the fashionable residential section of the city. He d. April 16th, 1860. Louisa Pollard Duncan d. December 2nd, 1878.

Children of Stephen Duncan and Louisa (Pollard) Duncan :

- +345. (1.) Mary Pollard Duncan, m. Joseph H. Bradley, Jr.
- 346. (2.) Margaretta L. S. Duncan, d. April 20th, 1907, unmarried.
- +347. (3.) Rev. Thomas Duncan, m. Maria Morris. He was Chaplain in the Confederate Army. Both deceased.
- 348. (4.) Stephen Duncan, d. May 23rd, 1908. He held a civil position with the Confederate Government in Richmond, Va.
- 349. (5.) Eliza Lawrence Duncan, d. April 15th, 1909, unmarried. At the time of her death she resided with her niece, Mary H. Bradley, wife of James W. McCulloch of Orange, N. J.
- +350. (6.) Fannie Duncan, m. William Taylor Milton of Berryville, Clark Co., Va. She d. at the ripe age of one hundred years, fully possessed of all her faculties.

**316.** MARY DUNCAN, b. in Carlisle, Pa., 1800; m. in Carlisle, John Duncan Mahon. He was b. 1796, d. July 3rd, 1862. He was



her first cousin, s. of Ann Duncan and Rev. Samuel Mahon. John Duncan Mahon m., second, 1833, Mrs. Agnes Mary Irwin Rose, widow of Lieutenant William Rose, U. S. A. She was b. in 1805, d. January 15, 1889. She was the sister of Hon. William Irwin, Charge d'Affaires from the U. S. to Denmark, who m. Miss Sophia Dallas Bache. These are the parents of Miss Agnes Irwin, the present Dean of Radcliffe College, feminine annex of Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. John Duncan Mahon was a celebrated lawyer and lived at "Erin Hall," the old home his wife, Agnes Mary Irwin Rose, inherited from her mother.

Children of John Duncan Mahon and Mary (Duncan) :

- 351. (1.) Ann Mahon, b. in Carlisle, Pa., September 23rd, 1823; m. in Pittsburgh, Pa., Thomas Sutton.
- 352. (2.) Thomas Duncan Mahon.
- +353. (3.) Martha Duncan Callender Mahon, b. in Carlisle, Pa., October 14th, 1828; m. at Pittsburgh, September 30th, 1847, Dr. John Scull Irwin.
- 354. (4.) John Duncan Mahon.

Children of John Duncan Mahon and his second wife, Mrs. Agnes Mary Irwin (Rose) :

- 355. (5.) Agnes Irwin Mahon, unmarried.
- 356. (6.) Irwin Mahon, m., first, Jennie Mahon, a second cousin; m., second, Maria Stevenson. They live in Denver, Colo.
- 357. (7.) Frances E. Mahon, d. 1866.
- 358. (8.) James Duncan Mahon, d. January 15th, 1872. A lawyer.
- 359. (9.) Mary Lee Mahon, m. Francis Lightfoot Lee, s. of Richard Henry Lee, by his second wife.
- 360. (10.) Sophia Irwin Mahon, unmarried.

**317.** CATHERINE DUNCAN, m. Thomas Chambers.

Child of Thomas Chambers and Catherine (Duncan) :

- +361. (1.) Mary Chambers, m. Colonel Thomas Bryan, U. S. A.

**319.** DR. STEPHEN DUNCAN, m., first, Margaret Ellis; m., second, Catherine Binghamman.

Children of Dr. Stephen Duncan and his first wife:

- 362. (1.) John Duncan.
- +363. (2.) Sarah Duncan, m. Dr. William Irvine.

Children of Dr. Stephen Duncan and second wife:

- 364. (3.) Henry Duncan, m. Miss Sargent of Philadelphia.
- +365. (4.) Samuel Duncan, m. Martha Parker.
- +366. (5.) Charlotte Duncan, m. Samuel Davis of Mississippi.
- +367. (6.) Maria Duncan, m. Mr. Pringle of South Carolina.
- 368. (7.) Stephen Duncan, unmarried.

**321.** MARY ANN DUNCAN, m. April 5th, 1808, Dr. James Gustine.

Children of Dr. James Gustine and Mary Ann (Duncan) Gustine:

- 368A. (1.) Samuel Gustine.
- 368B. (2.) Sarah Gustine, m. Dr. John Potts of Mississippi.
- +369. (3.) Rebecca A. Gustine, m. William J. Minor of Louisiana.
- +370. (4.) Matilda D. Gustine, m. Charles P. Leverich of New York.
- +371. (5.) Margaret Duncan Gustine, m. Henry Leverich of New York.

**325.** DUNCAN STEPHEN WALKER, m. —, b. 1794, d. 1835.

Child of Duncan Stephen Walker:

- +372. General William Stephen Walker, m. Miss Dorothea Ignatia Hernandez, dau. of General Hernandez of Florida.

**326.** MARY ANNE FOX WALKER, b. 1797, d. 1836; m., first, William Poyntell of Philadelphia. Married, second, Rev. Joseph McElroy, D.D., of Pittsburgh and New York.

Children of William Poyntell and Mary Anne Fox (Walker):

- +373. (1.) Anne Wilcox Poyntell, m. George Washington Turner of Mississippi.
- 374. (2.) William Poyntell, unmarried.

Children of Rev. Joseph McElroy and Mary Anne Fox (Walker) :

- +375. (3.) Mary McElroy, m. James Moir of Edinburgh, Scotland.
- +376. (4.) Josephine McElroy, m. Hugh Maxwell of New York.
- 377. (5.) Mason Knox McElroy, unmarried.
- +378. (6.) Robert Duncan McElroy, m. Caroline C. Lee. He was a soldier in Union Army during Civil War—severely wounded, lost a leg.
- 378A. (7.) John McElroy, d. in infancy.

**327.** ROBERT JOHN WALKER, b. 1801, in Northumberland Co., Pa., d. in Washington, D. C., November 11th, 1898; m. Mary B. Bache, granddaughter of Alexander J. Dallas, and great granddaughter of Benjamin Franklin.

Hon. Robert John Walker was an American statesman and financier. United States Senator from Mississippi, 1836-1845; Secretary of Treasury of the United States, 1845-1849, during the administration of President Polk. Financial Agent of the U. S. in Europe, 1863-1864. He put through the annexation of Texas and brought about the payment for Alaska. He won his great suit respecting the ownership of the new Almaden quicksilver mines in California. The price paid him was \$800,000. He invested in the new project for a great Western Railroad route, then in the hands of Sir Moeton Peto and other capitalists in England, but not exclusively English. The concern failed and the money was lost.

During the time he visited Scotland and traced his Duncan ancestry to Perthshire. The records secured were burned when his home was destroyed in Washington, D. C.

Children of Robert J. Walker and Mary (Bache) :

- +379. (1.) Mary Walker, m., first, Adrian Deslonde of Louisiana; m., second, Benjamin Harris Brewster, a leading lawyer of Philadelphia, later, Attorney-General during administration of President Arthur.
- +380. (2.) Duncan Stephen Walker, m. Mary Dod of New Jersey.
- 381. (3.) Sophia Bache Walker, unmarried.



- +382. (4.) Robert J. Walker, Jr., m. Isabelle Kendig.
- 383. (5.) Charlotte Lucy Walker, unmarried.

**328.** MARTHA ELIZABETH DUNCAN WALKER, b. 1805, d. 1874; m. General William Perrine Cook of New Jersey. He was b. 1801, d. 1865.

Children of General William Perrine Cook and Martha Elizabeth Duncan (Walker):

- +384. (1.) Lucia Duncan Cook, m. John Nepomuk Pychow-ski, a learned musician, b. in Bohemia, of Polish ex-traction.
- 385. (2.) Eugene Beauharnias Cook, unmarried.
- 386. (3.) Edith Walker Cook, unmarried.

**329.** CHARLOTTE CORDAY WALKER, b. 1807, d. 1842; m., first, Stephen Minor, brother of William J. Minor who m. her cousin, Rebecca Gustine, dau. of Mary Anne Duncan and Dr. James Gustine.

Charlotte Corday Walker m., second, Edmund Garnett How-ell of Kentucky.

Child of Stephen Minor and Charlotte Corday (Walker):

- +387. (1.) Stephania Minor, m. her cousin Henry Chotard.

Child of Edmund Garnett Howell and Charlotte Corday (Walker):

- +388. (2.) Lucy Duncan Howell, m. John Duncan (no kin) of New York.

**333.** JOHN DUNCAN MAHON, b. 1796; m., first, Mary Duncan, his cousin, dau. of Judge Thomas Duncan. She was b. 1800, in Carlisle, Pa., and m. in Carlisle. John Duncan Mahon d. July 3rd, 1862, in Pittsburgh, Pa. He m., second, 1833, Mrs. Agnes Mary Irwin Rose, widow of Lieutenant William Rose, U. S. A. She was b. in 1805, d. January 15th, 1889. She was a sister of Hon. William Irwin, Charge d'Affaires from the U. S. to Denmark, who m. Miss Sophia Dallas Bache. These are the parents of Miss Agnes Irwin, the present Dean of Radcliffe College, feminine annex of Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. John Duncan Mahon

was a celebrated lawyer and lived at "Erin Hall," the old home his wife inherited from her mother.

Children of John Duncan Mahon and his first wife:

- 389. (1.) Ann Mahon, b. in Carlisle, Pa., September 23rd, 1823, m. in Pittsburgh, Thomas Sutton.
- 390. (2.) Thomas Duncan Mahon.
- +391. (3.) Martha Duncan Callender Mahon, b. in Carlisle, Pa., October 14, 1828, m. at Pittsburgh, September 30th, 1847, Dr. John Scull Irwin.
- 392. (4.) John Duncan Mahon.

Children of John Duncan Mahon and his second wife:

- 393. (5.) Agnes Irwin, unmarried.
- 394. (6.) Irwin Mahon, m., first, Jennie Mahon, a second cousin; m., second, Maria Stevenson. They live in Denver, Colo.
- 395. (7.) Frances E. Mahon, d. 1866.
- 396. (8.) James Duncan Mahon, d. January 15th, 1872, a lawyer.
- 397. (9.) Mary Lee Mahon, m. Francis Lightfoot Lee, s. of Richard Henry Lee by his second wife.
- 398. (10.) Sophia Irwin Mahon, unmarried.

**336.** ANN ELLEN DUNCAN, m., March 28th, 1822, George A. Snyder, s. of Governor Snyder of Pennsylvania.

Children of George A. Snyder and Ann Ellen (Duncan) Snyder:

- 399. (1.) Harriet Snyder, m. J. M. App.
- 400. (2.) Catherine Snyder, m. N. J. Crain.
- 401. (3.) Lucy A. Snyder.
- 402. (4.) Henry F. Snyder, m. L. W. Willard (or Williard).
- 403. (5.) George S. Snyder, m. Anna M. Butler.
- 404. (6.) Ellen Snyder, m. Daniel Riley.
- 405. (7.) James Snyder, d. in infancy.
- 406. (8.) Antes Snyder, m. Emma F. Evans.
- 407. (9.) Jesse Duncan Snyder, m., first, Mrs. Kate Fribley; m., second, Mrs. M. Truxton.

**337.** JAMES FOX DUNCAN, m. Virginia Stone.

Children of James Fox Duncan and Virginia (Stone) :

- 408. (1.) James Duncan, d. aged five years.
- +409. (2.) Harriet Elliott Duncan, m. Rev. Robert Gate-  
wood, D.D.

**338.** MARY LOUISA DUNCAN, m. Rev. John Williamson McCullough, D.D. He was b. near Newville, Cumberland Co., Pa., November 14th, 1801.

Children of Rev. John Williamson McCullough and Mary Louisa (Duncan) :

- 410. (1.) Ellen McCullough, m. Mr. McClain.
- 411. (2.) Frances Ann McCullough, m. John Wyeth.
- 412. (3.) Howard McCullough.
- 413. (4.) Louisa B. McCullough, d. young.

**341.** HARRIET ELLIOTT DUNCAN, m. her cousin, John Kennedy Duncan Oliphant, s. of Jane Creagh (Duncan) and Fidelia Hughes Oliphant.

Children of John Kennedy Duncan Oliphant and Harriet (Elliott) :

- 414. (1.) Janie Duncan Oliphant.
- 415. (2.) Ann Oliphant, m. — Robinson.
- 416. (3.) John Oliphant.

## FIFTH GENERATION

**344.** BENJAMIN STILES DUNCAN, d. in 1870, m. and had one son and three daughters. His family resided on Duncan's Island. His son :

- 417. P. F. Duncan, Cashier of Duncannon National Bank, in Duncannon, Pa.

**345.** MARY POLLARD DUNCAN, b. June 6th, 1834, d. May 30th, 1901; m. Joseph H. Bradley, Jr., who with his father, Judge Joseph H. Bradley, was counsel for Mrs. Mary Surratt and her son, John Surratt.



Children of Joseph H. Bradley, Jr., and Mary Pollard (Duncan) :

- +418. (1.) Mary Hughes Bradley, m. James W. McCulloch. Lives in Orange, N. J.
- +419. (2.) Nina Duncan Bradley, now deceased, m. H. Grant Hodgkins.
- +420. (3.) Joseph H. Bradley, deceased, m., first, Eleanor Parish of Wilkes Barre, Pa. She d. at the birth of her son, Joseph H. Bradley.  
Joseph H. Bradley, m., second, the eldest sister of his first wife, Anna C. Parrish. He d. June 19th, 1926.
- 421. (4.) Lucy Duncan Bradley, unmarried.
- +422. (5.) Stephen Duncan Bradley, m. Mary Giddings Blake, February 21st, 1906.

**347.** REV. THOMAS DUNCAN, m. Maria Morris. He was Chaplain in the Confederate Army.

Children of Rev. Thomas Duncan and Maria (Morris) :

- 424. (1.) Murray Morris Duncan, lives in Ishpeming, Mich.
- 425. (2.) Lewis Duncan, d. 1916, leaving a wife and three daughters, all married. He was a very celebrated electrical engineer.
- 426. (3.) John Coolidge Duncan.

**350.** FANNIE DUNCAN, m. William Taylor Milton of Berryville, Clark Co., Va.

Children of William Taylor Milton and Fannie (Duncan) :

- 427. (1.) William H. Milton.
- 428. (2.) Louisa D. Milton.
- 429. (3.) Harriet Milton.
- 430. (4.) Stephen Duncan Milton.
- 431. (5.) Taliaferro Milton.
- 432. (6.) Margaretta L. Milton.
- 433. (7.) Marshall McCormick Milton.
- 434. (8.) Laurence Milton.

**353.** MARTHA DUNCAN CALLENDER MAHON, b. in Carlisle, Pa., October 14th, 1828, m. at Pittsburgh, Pa., September 30th, 1847, Dr. John Scull Irwin.

Children of Dr. John Scull Irwin and Martha Duncan Callender (Mahon) :

- 435. (1.) Mary Irwin, b. December 8th, 1848, at Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 436. (2.) Joseph Gazzam Irwin, b. January 17th, 1851, d. February 20th, 1859.
- 437. (3.) John S. Irwin, b. July 29th, 1853, d. March 6th, 1859.
- 438. (4.) Rose Irwin, b. October 17th, 1858, d. February 23rd, 1859.
- 439. (5.) Martha Duncan Irwin, b. September 20th, 1862, at Fort Wayne, Ind., m. at same place to Arthur Eugene Pattison, September 29th, 1886.
- 440. (6.) Agnes Irwin, b. April 1st, 1865, d. March 19th, 1888.
- 441. (7.) Duncan Irwin, b. April 22nd, 1868, d. June 4th, 1890.
- 442. (8.) George Upford Irwin, b. at Fort Wayne, Ind., August 5th, 1871.

**361.** MARY CHAMBERS, m. Colonel Thomas Bryan, U. S. A.

Children of Colonel Thomas Bryan and Mary (Chambers) :

- 443. (1.) Thomas Bryan, unmarried.
- 444. (2.) Ben Bryan, m. Miss McCalmot.
- +445. (3.) Frances H. Bryan, m. Richard Gatewood.
- 446. (4.) Anna Bryan, m. Mr. Schiff.
- 447. (5.) Emma Bryan.

**363.** SARAH DUNCAN, m. Dr. William Irvine.

Children of Dr. William Irvine and Sarah (Duncan) Irvine :

- +448. (1.) Margaret Irvine, m. Thomas Biddle.
- +449. (2.) Sarah Irvine, m. Dr. Thomas Newbold of Philadelphia.
- 450. (3.) Callender Irvine, m. —.

**365.** SAMUEL DUNCAN, m. Martha Parker.

Child of Samuel Duncan and Martha (Parker) :

451. (1.) Stephen Duncan.

**366.** CHARLOTTE DUNCAN, m. Samuel Davis of Mississippi.

Children of Samuel Davis and Charlotte (Duncan) Davis :

452. (1.) Katherine Davis.

453. (2.) Maria Davis.

454. (3.) Charlotte Davis.

**367.** MARIA DUNCAN, m. Mr. Pringle of South Carolina.

Children of — Pringle and Maria (Duncan) Pringle :

455. Five daughters and one son.

**369.** REBECCA A. GUSTINE, m. William J. Minor of Louisiana.

Children of William J. Minor and Rebecca A. (Gustine) :

+456. (1.) John Duncan Minor, m. Katherine Surget of Louisiana.

+457. (2.) William Minor, m. Amenaide Chaplain of Louisiana.

458. (3.) Stephen Minor.

+459. (4.) Henry Minor, m. Anne Butler.

460. (5.) James Minor.

461. (6.) Duncan Minor.

+462. (7.) Frank Minor, m. Odile Larue of Louisiana.

463. (8.) Katherine Minor.

**370.** MATILDA D. GUSTINE, m. Charles P. Leverich of New York.

Children of Charles P. Leverich and Matilda D. (Gustine) :

+464. (1.) Charles Duncan Leverich, m., first Julia Riker ; m., second, Fannie Floyd Jones of New York.

465. (2.) Sarah Leverich.

+466. (3.) Stephen Duncan Leverich, m. Mary de Forest.

+467. (4.) James Henry Leverich, m. Mary E. Wilmot.

+468. (5.) Matilda Rose Leverich, m. Dr. Theodore Dwight Bradford.

469. (6.) William Leverich.



**371.** MARGARET DUNCAN GUSTINE, m. Henry Leverich of New York.

Children of Henry Leverich and Margaret Duncan (Gustine) :

+470. (1.) Mary Leverich, m. Frederick Schuchardt.

+471. (2.) Edward Leverich, m. Annie Schuchardt.

472. (3.) James Leverich.

**372.** GENERAL WILLIAM STEPHEN WALKER, b. —, d. —; m. Miss Dorothea Hernandez, dau. of General Hernandez of Florida. Their children live in Georgia and Florida.

General William Stephen Walker studied law and then entered the U. S. Army, fought gallantly in the war with Mexico. He became a general in the Confederate service. He was severely wounded in one of the Virginia battles, losing a leg and having his right hand paralyzed.

Children of General William Stephen Walker and Dorothea (Hernandez) :

473. (1.) Marion Walker, d. young.

474. (2.) Anita Hernandez Walker, m. Mr. Anderson of Florida.

475. (3.) Lucy Duncan Walker, m. Henry C. Peoples of Atlanta, Ga.

476. (4.) Louise Hernandez Walker.

477. (5.) Dora Hernandez Walker, m. Archer Smith.

478. (6.) William Stephen Walker, Jr.

**373.** ANNE WILCOX POYNTELL, m. George Washington Turner.

Children of George Washington Turner and Anne Wilcox (Poyntell) :

479. (1.) Georgie Turner, d. young.

480. (2.) Marian (Marianne) Turner, m., first, Prescott Hall Ward of New York; m., second, the Vicomte Helion Barreme of Nice, France.

+481. (3.) Ernest Turner, m. Henrietta Jackson of Philadelphia.

482. (4.) Arthur Turner, m. a Swiss lady in Lausanne. Had two daughters.

- +483. (5.) Nannie Turner, m. John H. Crane, Esq., of Oakhampton, Stoneport, Worcestershire, England.
- +484. (6.) George (Tom) Turner, m. Miss Ellis. Had several children.
- 485. (7.) Dinah Postlethwaite Turner, d. in infancy.

**375.** MARY McELROY, m. James Moir of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Children of James Moir and Mary (McElroy) :

- +486. (1.) Joseph McElroy Moir, m. Agnes Pond of Minnesota.
- 487. (2.) Margaret Stanhouse Moir.
- 488. (3.) Marianne Walker Moir, m. James Walsh.
- +489. (4.) Josephine Mason Moir, m. Henry T. Lee.
- 490. (5.) James Moir, d. in infancy.
- 491. (6.) Rev. William Wilmerding Moir, unmarried.
- 492. (7.) Annie Poyntell Moir, d. in infancy.
- +493. (8.) Arthur Duncan Moir, m. Laura Russel.  
Margaret Stanhouse Moir and Marianne Walker Moir, were twins.

**376.** JOSEPHINE McELROY, m. Hugh Maxwell of New York.

Children of Hugh Maxwell and Josephine (McElroy) Maxwell :

- 494. (1.) Mary Maxwell.
- 495. (2.) McElroy Maxwell.

**378.** ROBERT DUNCAN McELROY, m. Caroline C. Lee.

Children of Robert Duncan McElroy and Caroline C. (Lee) :

- 496. (1.) Mason Knox McElroy, m. —.
- +497. (2.) Caroline Charlotte McElroy, m. Willis Benner.
- 498. (3.) Mary Lee McElroy.  
(These two were twins.)
- 499. (4.) Annie Hildreth McElroy, unmarried.

**379.** MARY WALKER, m., first, Adrian Deslonde of Louisiana; m., second, Hon. Benjamin Harris Brewster of Philadelphia, later Attorney-General during the administration of President Arthur.

Children of Hon. Benjamin Harris Brewster and Mary (Walker) :

- +500. (1.) Mary Brewster, m. Robert W. Koons of Philadelphia.
- +501. (2.) Andre Brewster, m. Elizabeth G. Butterfield.
- 502. (3.) Benjamin H. Brewster, m. Bessie Baugh of Philadelphia.
- +503. (4.) Robert J. W. Brewster, m. Leila Shoemaker.

**380.** GENERAL DUNCAN STEPHEN WALKER, b. —, m. Mary Bayard Dod of New Jersey.

General Duncan Stephen Walker entered the U. S. Army on the breaking out of the Civil War. Was staff officer, brevetted for gallantry on the field, and, the war ended, left the army a Brigadier-General. He was then little more than twenty-five or twenty-six years of age. Has since practiced law, and conducted journals in Washington, D. C.

Children of General Duncan Stephen Walker and Mary Bayard (Dod) :

- 504. (1.) Caroline Walker, d. in infancy.
- 505. (2.) Alice Walker.
- 506. (3.) Robert J. Walker, drowned.
- 507. (4.) Edith Walker, drowned.
- 508. (5.) Albert Walker.

**382.** ROBERT J. WALKER, m. Isabelle Kendig.

Child of Robert J. Walker and Isabelle (Kendig) :

- 509. (1) Robert J. Walker.

**384.** LUCIA DUNCAN COOK, m. John Nepomuk Pychowski, a learned musician, b. in Bohemia, of Polish extraction.

Children of John Nepomuk Pychowski and Lucia Duncan (Cook) :

- 510. (1.) Marian Malowetz Pychowska, d. in infancy.
- 511. (2.) Martha Marian Pychowska, a nun, Sister Mary. St. Peter, in the convent of St. Dominie, Newark, N. J.

**387.** STEPHANIA MINOR, m. her cousin, Henry Chotard.

Children of Henry Chotard and Stephania (Minor) Chotard :



- 512. (1.) A daughter, d. in infancy.
- 513. (2.) Henry Chotard, Jr.

**388.** LUCY DUNCAN HOWELL, m. John Duncan of New York, (no kin.)

Children of John Duncan and Lucy Duncan (Howell) Duncan :

- 514. (1.) Robert J. Walker Duncan.
- 515. (2.) Mary McFarlane Duncan.
- 516. (3.) John Garnett Duncan.  
(These children d. young. They and their mother were ill of either typhoid or scarlet fever in Jackson, Miss., at the time of the siege of the place during the Civil War, and all four d. during the siege, or immediately after.)

**391.** MARTHA CALLENDER DUNCAN MAHON, b. in Carlisle, Pa., October 14th, 1828; m. at Pittsburgh, Pa., September 30th, 1847, Dr. John Scull Irwin.

Children of Dr. John Scull Irwin and Martha Callender Duncan Mahon :

- 517. (1.) Mary Irwin, b. December 8th, 1848, at Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 518. (2.) Joseph Gazzam Irwin, b. January 17th, 1851, d. February 20th, 1869.
- 519. (3.) John Scull Irwin, b. July 29th, 1853, d. March 4th, 1859.
- 520. (4.) Rose Irwin, b. October 17th, 1858, d. February 3rd, 1859.
- 521. (5.) Martha Duncan Irwin, b. September 20th, 1862, at Fort Wayne, Ind.; m. at same place to Arthur Pattison, September 29th, 1886.
- 522. (6.) Agnes Irwin, b. April 1st, 1865, d. March 19th, 1888.
- 523. (7.) Duncan Irwin, b. April 22nd, 1868, d. June 4th, 1890.
- 524. (8.) George Upford Irwin, b. at Fort Wayne, Ind., August 5th, 1871.

**409.** HARRIET ELLIOTT DUNCAN, m. Rev. Robert Gatewood, D.D.

Children of Rev. Robert Gatewood, D.D., and Harriet Elliott (Duncan) :

- 525. (1.) Dr. James D. Gatewood, P. A. S. U. S. A., m. Nannie W. M. Critcher.
- 526. (2.) Elizabeth Cunningham Gatewood.
- 527. (3.) Harriet Whiting Gatewood.
- 528. (4.) Hildreth Gatewood.
- 529. (5.) Dorothy Gatewood.
- +530. (6.) Richard Gatewood, m. Frances H. Bryan, his cousin, dau. of Mary Chambers and Col. Thomas Bryan, U. S. A. Mary Chambers was the dau. of Catherine Duncan, who was the dau. of Judge Thomas Duncan and wife Patty Callender.
- 531. (7.) Robert C. Gatewood.
- 532. (8.) William Gatewood.
- 533. (9.) Virginia Gatewood.
- 534. (10.) Henry Gatewood.
- 535. (11.) Arthur R. Gatewood.

### SIXTH GENERATION

**418.** MARY HUGHES BRADLEY, m. James W. McCulloch.

Children of James W. McCulloch and Mary Hughes (Bradley) :

- 536. (1.) Warren S. McCulloch.
- 537. (2.) Margaret Callender McCulloch.  
Two children died in infancy.

**419.** NINA DUNCAN BRADLEY, deceased, m. H. Grant Hodgkins.

Children of H. Grant Hodgkins and Nina Duncan (Bradley) :

- 538. (1.) H. Grant Hodgkins, deceased.
- 539. (2.) Ida M. Hodgkins.
- 540. (3.) Bradley Duncan Hodgkins.
- 541. (4.) Paul I. Hodgkins.

**420.** JOSEPH H. BRADLEY III, m., first, Eleanor Parrish; m. second, Anna C. Parrish, sister of his first wife. Joseph H. Bradley d. 1926.

Child of Joseph H. Bradley and his first wife:

542. (1.) Joseph H. Bradley IV, now dead.

Child of Joseph H. Bradley and his second wife:

543. (2.) Mary Parrish Bradley.

**423.** STEPHEN DUNCAN BRADLEY, m. Mary Giddings Blake, February 21st, 1906.

Children of Stephen Duncan Bradley and Mary Giddings (Blake):

544. (1.) Stephen Duncan Bradley, Jr., b. January 14th, 1907.

545. (2.) James Blake Bradley, b. February 14th, 1908.

**445.** FRANCES H. BRYAN, m. Richard Gatewood, her cousin, s. of Harriet E. Duncan and Rev. Robert Gatewood.

Children of Richard Gatewood and Frances H. (Bryan):

546. (1.) Richard Duncan Gatewood.

547. (2.) Robert Gatewood.

548. (3.) Marie Chambers Gatewood.

549. (4.) Francis Gatewood.

**448.** MARGARET IRVINE, m. Thomas M. Biddle.

Children of Thomas M. Biddle and Margaret (Irvine) Biddle:

550. (1.) Emily Biddle, m. Lieutenant Stanton.

551. (2.) Lydia Biddle, unmarried.

552. (3.) Sarah Biddle, unmarried.

**449.** SARAH IRVINE, m. Dr. Thomas Newbold.

Children of Dr. Thomas Newbold and Sarah (Irvine) Newbold:

553. Five daughters.



**456.** JOHN DUNCAN MINOR, m. Katherine Sarget of Louisiana.

Children of John Duncan Minor and Katherine (Sarget) :

- 554. (1.) Duncan Minor.
- 555. (2.) Mary Minor.
- 556. (3.) Sarget Minor.
- 557. (4.) Jeanne Minor.
- 558. (5.) Tassie Minor, m. F. Schuchardt of New York.

**457.** WILLIAM MINOR, m. Amenaide Chaplain of Louisiana.

Children of William Minor and Amenaide (Chaplain) :

- 559. (1.) Amenaide Minor.
- 560. (2.) Rebecca Minor.
- 561. (3.) Edward Minor.
- 562. (4.) Fannie Minor.
- 563. (5.) Mary Duncan Minor.
- 564. (6.) Kittie Minor.
- 565. (7.) Matilda Rose Minor.
- 566. (8.) Charlotte Minor.

**459.** HENRY MINOR, m. Anne Butler.

Children of Henry Minor and Anne (Butler) :

- 567. (1.) John Minor.
- 568. (2.) Stephen Minor.
- 569. (3.) Margaret Minor.
- 570. (4.) Mary Minor.
- 571. (5.) Katherine Minor.

**462.** FRANK MINOR, m. Odile Larue of Louisiana.

Children of Frank Minor and Odile (Larue) :

- 572. (1). Louise Minor, m. — Lapere of Louisiana.
- 573. (2.) Anna Minor.
- 574. (3.) Edward Minor.
- 575. (4.) Cecile Minor.
- 576. (5.) Alphonse Minor.
- 577. (6.) George Minor.

**464.** CHARLES DUNCAN LEVERICH, m., first, Julia Riker; m., second, Fannie Floyd Jones.

Children of Charles Duncan Leverich and first wife :

- 578. (1.) Charles Leverich.
- 579. (2.) Sarah Leverich.

Children of Charles Duncan Leverich and second wife :

- 580. (3.) Caroline Duncan Leverich.
- 581. (4.) Matilda Gustine Leverich.
- 582. (5.) Gertrude Riker Leverich.

**466.** STEPHEN DUNCAN LEVERICH, m. Mary de Forest.

Child of Stephen Duncan Leverich and Mary (de Forest) :

- 583. (1.) Mary Duncan Leverich.

**467.** JAMES HENRY LEVERICH, m. Mary E. Wilmot.

Children of James Henry Leverich and Mary E. (Wilmot) :

- 584. (1.) Eleanor Leverich.
- 585. (2.) Harriet Leverich.

**468.** MATILDA ROSE LEVERICH, m. Dr. Theodore Dwight Bradford.

Children of Dr. Theodore Dwight Bradford and Matilda Rose (Leverich) :

- 586. (1.) Marian Gustine Bradford.
- 587. (2.) Clara Richmond Bradford.

**470.** MARY LEVERICH, m. Frederick Schuchardt.

Children of Frederick Schuchardt and Mary (Leverich) :

- 588. (1.) Frederick Schuchardt, m. Tassie Minor.
- 589. (2.) Katherine Schuchardt, m. Arthur Hunter.
- 590. (3.) James Schuchardt.

**471.** EDWARD LEVERICH, m. Annie Schuchardt.

Children of Edward Leverich and Annie (Schuchardt) :

- 591. (1.) Katherine Leverich.
- 592. (2.) Margaret Leverich.
- 593. (3.) Henry Leverich.

**481.** ERNEST TURNER, m. Henrietta Jackson of Philadelphia.

Child of Ernest Turner and Henrietta (Jackson) :

594. (1.) Warner Turner.

**483.** NANNIE TURNER, m. John H. Crane, Esq., of Oakhampton, Stoneport, Worcestershire, England.

Children of John H. Crane and Nannie (Turner) :

595. (1.) Godfrey Crane.

596. (2.) Marian Joyce Crane.

**484.** GEORGE (TOM) TURNER, m. Miss Ellis.

Children of George Turner and Miss (Ellis) :

597. Several children.

**486.** JOSEPH MCELROY MOIR, m. Agnes Pond of Minnesota.

Children of Joseph McElroy Moir and Agnes (Pond) :

598. (1.) Marian Walker Moir.

599. (2.) James Moir.

600. (3.) Joseph McElroy Moir.

601. (4.) William Wilmerding Moir.

602. (5.) Dugald Stuart Moir.

603. (6.) Arthur Duncan Moir.

604. (7.) Agnes Pond Moir.

605. (8.) John Moir.

**489.** JOSEPHINE MASON MOIR, m. Henry T. Lee.

Children of Henry T. Lee and Josephine Mason (Moir) :

606. (1.) Thomas Rathbone Lee.

607. (2.) Margaret Lee.

608. (3.) Mary Lee.

**493.** ARTHUR DUNCAN MOIR, m. Laura Russell.

Children of Arthur Duncan Moir and Laura (Russell) :

609. (1.) Jean Moir.

610. (2.) Duncan Moir.



**497.** CAROLINE CHARLOTTE McELROY, m. Willis Benner.

Children of Willis Benner and Caroline Charlotte (McElroy) :

- 611. (1.) Roger Benner.
- 612. (2.) Hildreth Benner.

**500.** MARY BREWSTER, m. Robert J. W. Koons of Philadelphia.

Children of Robert J. W. Koons and Mary (Brewster) :

- 613. (1.) Robert J. W. Koons, Jr.
- 614. (2.) Dallas Koons.
- 615. (3.) Bache Koons.
- 616. (4.) Benjamin Harris Koons.

**501.** ANDRÉ BREWSTER, m. Elizabeth G. Butterfield.

Child of Andre Brewster and Elizabeth (Butterfield) :

- 617. (1.) Mary Walker Brewster.

**503.** ROBERT J. W. BREWSTER, m. Leila Schoemaker.

Children of Robert J. W. Brewster and Leila (Shoemaker) :

- 618. (1.) Mary Walker Brewster.
- 619. (2.) Daniel Brewster.

**530.** RICHARD GATEWOOD, m. Frances H. Bryan.

Children of Richard Gatewood and Frances H. Bryan.

- 620. (1.) Richard Duncan Gatewood.
- 621. (2.) Robert Gatewood.
- 622. (3.) Maria Chambers Gatewood.
- 623. (4.) Francis Gatewood.



# William Duncan and His Descendants

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## SECOND GENERATION.

2. WILLIAM, eldest son of Thomas Duncan and Jane —, stopped near Pequea and near the "Lititz Moravian Settlement." He remained behind to take care of the camp while his father and five brothers went on to locate their new home. While William remained here he became acquainted with and married Mary, dau. of Francis Albert and wife —, who were members of the Moravian settlement.

Mary Albert was a teacher in the school afterward so widely known for many years as Lititz Seminary. The church is no more. The cemetery is now fenced in with the cemetery of Donegal Presbyterian Church as a relic of the past and is cared for by the Donegal people.

Dr. Zigler, in his book *Patterson Family*, gives an account of the Moravian Settlement and gives a list of members of 1749.

William Duncan is described in his will as of Southampton Township, Cumberland Co., Pa. On July 31st, 1776, he was commissioned First Lieutenant in Fifth Company, Fourth Cumberland Co. Associators. He d. in 1794. His will dated 16th of October, 1793, proved April 19th, 1794, Cumberland County Wills. Names wife, Mary, and children, 1, David; 2, John; 3, William; 4, Stephen; 5, Daniel; 6, Joseph; 7, Margaret; 8, Anne; 9, Jane.

Children of William Duncan and Mary (Albert) :

- +624. (1.) John Duncan, m. Miss McComb.
- +625. (2.) William Duncan, m., first, Margaret Culbertson; m., second, Nancy McKeehan; m., third, — Shields; m., fourth, Mary Mitchell, and had several children.
- 626. (3.) Stephen Duncan, m. — Finley.
- +627. (4.) Daniel Duncan.
- 628. (5.) Joseph Duncan, m., first, Hannah Brady; m., second, Matilda McNaughton.
- 629. (6.) David Duncan.
- 630. (7.) James Duncan, m. Mary Ewing, June 5th, 1798.



631. (8.) Margaret Duncan, m. — Blythe. Issue: William.  
 632. (9.) Jane Duncan, m. Robert Culbertson. Issue.  
 633. (10.) Ann Duncan, m.

### THIRD GENERATION

**624.** JOHN DUNCAN, m. Miss McCombs.

Children of John Duncan and Miss (McCombs) :

- +634. (1.) William Duncan, b. July 4th, 1776; m. Jane Glenn.  
 635. (2.) David Duncan, b.; m., first, April 11th, 1793, Letitia Anderson (copied from Marriage Records of the First Presbyterian Church, Carlisle, Pa.)  
 David Duncan, m., second, Eliza Smith.  
 637. (3.) Daniel Duncan, m. Grizelda Linn.  
 638. (4.) Elizabeth Duncan, m. — Walker.  
 639. (5.) Mary Duncan, m. — Wylie.

**625.** WILLIAM DUNCAN, m., first, Margaret Gulbertson; m., second, Nancy McKeehan; m., third, — Shields; m., fourth, Mary Mitchell and had several children.

William Duncan, m. second, May 31st, 1792, Nancy McKeehan. She d. March 7th, 1793.

- +640. Her only child, Nancy Duncan, b. same day her mother d., m. William Van Dyke, April 1st, 1813.

**627.** DANIEL DUNCAN, left Pennsylvania and settled in Paris, Ky. He is the ancestor of the Kentucky Duncans, the Vorhees; also the ancestor of the wife of General John C. Underwood.

Child of Daniel Duncan :

- +641. Henry T. Duncan, b. 1800, d. 1881, in Lexington, Ky.

### FOURTH GENERATION

**637.** WILLIAM DUNCAN, b. July 4th, 1776; m. Jane Glenn.

Children of William Duncan and Jane (Glenn) :

642. (1.) Sarah Ann Duncan, m. William McCune.  
 643. (2.) John Duncan, m. Margaret Creswell.  
 644. (3.) Eliza Duncan.

- 645. (4.) Jane Duncan, m. William Greene.
- 646. (5.) Rebecca Duncan, m. Joseph Smith.
- 647. (6.) William Duncan, m. Belle Kelso.
- 648. (7.) Mary Duncan, m. Friend Zultain.
- 649. (8.) David Duncan.
- 650. (9.) Samuel Duncan.
- 651. (10.) Rachel Duncan, m. F. H. Alexander.
- 652. (11.) McComb Duncan, m. Euphemia Hines.

**640.** NANCY DUNCAN, b. March 7th, 1793, d. November 9th, 1871; m. April 1st, 1813, William Van Dyke, b. August 3rd, 1789, d. February 27th, 1865.

Children of William Van Dyke and Nancy (Duncan) :

- 653. (1.) James Van Dyke, b. December 17th, 1814, d. May 7th, 1855; m. December 29th, 1835.
- 654. (2.) Lambert Van Dyke, b. December 23rd, 1816, d. June 26th, 1906; m. May 23rd, 1844.
- +655. (3.) Eleanor Van Dyke, b. June 8th, 1819, d. October 13th, 1865; m. October 6th, 1836; Mr. Patterson. Had eleven children.
- 656. (4.) William Randles Van Dyke, b. January 17th, 1821, killed at battle of Drainsville, Va., December 21st, 1861. Six children.
- 657. (5.) John Henry Van Dyke, b. October 17th, 1823, d. March 9th, 1909; m. October 29th, 1851.
- 658. (6.) Samuel Wesley Van Dyke, b. March 3rd, 1826, d. July 29th, 1900; m. June 18th, 1853.

**641.** HENRY T. DUNCAN, b. 1800, d. 1881, in Lexington, Ky. Married —.

Child of Henry T. Duncan :

- +659. (1.) Henry T. Duncan, Jr.

## FIFTH GENERATION

**655.** ELEANOR VAN DYKE, b. June 8th, 1819, d. October 13th, 1865; m. October 6th, 1836, John Patterson, b. March 26th, 1809, d. June 30th, 1886.

Children of John Patterson and Eleanor (Van Dyke) :

- 660. (1.) Isabel Duncan Patterson, b. July 4th, 1837; m. David D. Stone. Issue—yet living.
- +661. (2.) James John Patterson, b. June 22nd, 1838; m. Elizabeth McFarlane Jack, December 18th, 1863.
- 662. (3.) Ellen Van Dyke Patterson, b. January 27th, 1840, d. August 20th, 1873; m. James Patton. Issue.
- 663. (4.) Mary Louisa Patterson, b. January 11th, 1841, d. June, 1867, unmarried.
- 664. (5.) William Henry Patterson, b. August 12th, 1842, d. November 4th, 1847.
- 665. (6.) Robert Henry Patterson, b. March 12th, 1844, d. August 28th, 1819; m. Laura Henry. Issue.
- 666. (7.) Charles William Patterson, b. July 25th, 1845, d. April 23rd, 1925; m. Blanche Stone. Issue.
- 667. (8.) Adelia Forest Patterson, b. October 25th, 1846, d. May 21st, 1922, unmarried.
- 668. (9.) Clara Patterson, b. August 25th, 1848; m. William A. McDowell. Issue—yet living.
- 669. (10.) Lillie Lyon Patterson, b. August 2nd, 1851, d. July 6th, 1919; m. Thomas P. Carson. Issue.
- 670. (11.) Annie Duncan Patterson, b. July 21st, 1855, d.

**659. HENRY T. DUNCAN, JR., m.**

Children of Henry T. Duncan, Jr.:

- 671. (1.) George Brand Duncan, Adjutant Fourth U. S. Infantry.
- 672. (2.) Eliza M. Duncan, m. John R. Allen.
- 673. (3.) Edward M. Duncan, U. S. Revenue Service.
- 674. (4.) Nannie B. Duncan.
- 675. (5.) Henry T. Duncan, Jr., Editor Lexington Press Transcript.
- 676. (6.) Lillie Brand Duncan, m. George Otis Draper.
- 677. (7.) Margaret P. Duncan.
- 678. (8.) Daniel Duncan, graduated at West Point, 1895.
- 679. (9.) Fannie Duncan.



### SIXTH GENERATION

**661.** JAMES JOHN PATTERSON, b. June 22nd, 1838; m. December 18th, 1863, Elizabeth McFarlane Jack, b. August 9th, 1842, d. December 6th, 1923.

Children of James John Patterson and Elizabeth McFarlane (Jack) :

- 680. (1.) George Jack Patterson, b. October 5th, 1865; m. Helen Morris. No issue.
- 681. (2.) Ralph John Patterson, b. July 28th, 1867, d. December 6th, 1873.
- 682. (3.) Edith Lyon Patterson, b. November 18th, 1869; m. Robert P. Franklin. Had one son.
- 683. (4.) Mary Thompson Patterson, b. November 24th, 1871; m. Adolph Owings. Had one son and one daughter.
- 684. (5.) James Bruce Patterson, b. March 5th, 1874; m. Susan Parks. No issue.
- 685. (6.) William Van Dyke Patterson, b. April 30th, 1876; m. Martha M. Harry. Had one son and five daughters.
- 686. (7.) Anna Susan Patterson, b. June 11th, 1878; m. A. J. Pollard, M.D. Had one son and two daughters.
- 687. (8.) Ellen Van Dyke, b. May 8th, 1880; m. J. W. Pollard, M.D. Had one son.
- 688. (9.) Elizabeth Jack Patterson, b. May 8th, 1880; m. John R. Youngblood. No issue.



## David Duncan and His Descendants

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### SECOND GENERATION.

**5.** DAVID DUNCAN, b. about 1730-35. He m. Margaret Hamilton. He served as Assistant Quartermaster General in the War of the Revolution for some time previous to 1781, at which date he was commissioned by the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania Commissioner of Purchases in Westmoreland County. It is supposed he was David Duncan who was chosen by Congress 9th March, 1776, to sign the \$4,000,000 Bills of Credit ordered to be issued. He d. April, 1792, in Pittsburgh. Will probated 18th April, 1792. Legatees wife Margaret. Sons Samuel and David. Daughter Hannah.

Children of David Duncan and Margaret (Hamilton) :

- +689. (1.) Samuel Duncan, b. about 1760-65; m. about 1790, Ann Smith.
- 690. (2.) David Duncan.
- +691. (3.) Hannah Duncan, m. Major John Finley.
- +692. (4.) Mary Duncan, m. David Clark.
- 693. (5.) Margaret Duncan, m. Isaac Holvey.

### THIRD GENERATION

**689.** SAMUEL DUNCAN, m. Ann Smith.

Children of Samuel Duncan and Ann (Smith) :

- 694. (1.) Samuel Duncan, Jr.
- 695. (2.) Matilda Duncan, m. before 1829, William Smith.
- +696. (3.) David Duncan, b. about 1804, m. Sarah Hammell.
- 697. (4.) Robert Duncan, b. 1813; m. Julia A. Graham.

**691.** HANNAH DUNCAN, m. Major John Finley, the noted Indian trader and Revolutionary hero. He was b. 1747, d. in Fleming Co., Ky., 1837-8. He served as Lieutenant and Captain in the Penn-



sylvania Line, in the 5th and 8th Regiments, and as Major in Wayne's Army in 1793.

Child of Major John Finley and Hannah (Duncan) :

- +698. (1.) David Duncan Finley, m. his mother's niece, Elizabeth Gibson.

**692.** MARY DUNCAN, m. David Clark.

Children of David Clark and Mary (Duncan) :

699. (1.) Hannah Clark, m. before 1824, Solomon Rheams.  
700. (2.) David Clark.

#### FOURTH GENERATION

**696.** DAVID DUNCAN, b. about 1804; m. Sarah Hammell.

Children of David Duncan and Sarah (Hammell) :

701. (1.) William Duncan, m. Jane Sproull.  
+702. (2.) Samuel Finley Duncan.  
703. (3.) Margaret Duncan, m. John Rohner.  
704. (4.) Kate Duncan, m. James Irvine.  
705. (5.) Sarah Duncan, m. — Ellis.  
706. (6.) Nancy Duncan, m. Galbraith Mahaffey.  
707. (7.) Mary Duncan, unmarried.  
708. (8.) Elizabeth Duncan, m. Bruce Crawford.

**698.** DAVID DUNCAN FINLEY, m. his mother's niece, Elizabeth Gibson.

Children of David Duncan Finley and Elizabeth (Gibson) :

709. (1.) Samuel Finley.  
710. (2.) David Finley.  
+711. (3.) Maria Jane Finley, m. Dr. R. D. Tilton.  
712. (4.) Margaret Finley.  
713. (5.) Betsy Ann Finley.  
714. (6.) Sarah Finley.  
715. (7.) Martha Finley.

FIFTH GENERATION

**702.** SAMUEL FINLEY DUNCAN, m. November 4th, 1864, Mary Steele. He was b. September 7th, 1827, d. September, 1879. Mary Steele Duncan d. June 1st, 1908.

Children of Samuel Finley Duncan and Mary (Steele) :

- 716. (1.) John Steele Duncan.
- 717. (2.) Thomas Sproull Duncan.
- 718. (3.) Mary Olive Duncan.
- 719. (4.) Sarah Jane Duncan, m. William H. Ingram, M.D.
- 720. (5.) David Renwick Duncan, d. October 1st, 1920.

**711.** MARIA JANE FINLEY, m. Dr. Robert Dorsey Tilton.

Child of Dr. Robert Dorsey Tilton and Maria Jane (Finley) :

- 721. (1.) Jane B. Tilton.

## SECOND GENERATION.

**3.** JOHN DUNCAN. Have not corresponded with descendants of John but a descendant of William,<sup>2</sup> writes—"John Duncan m. Miss Shippen of the family of the founder of Shippensburg, Pa. One of his sons lived in Kentucky, and another in New Orleans and they have descendants there or had fifteen years ago."

—K. D. S.


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## SECOND GENERATION.

**6.** SAMUEL DUNCAN, lived and died in Cumberland Co., Pa. Letters of Administration upon his estate were granted 5th September, 1778, to his brother William Duncan. February, 1763, at the first sale of lots in Shippensburg he purchased Lot 55. (Have not corresponded with descendants of Samuel<sup>2</sup>)—K. D. S.



Autographs of Five Generations of Duncans

I. *John Dyer* 

II. *Daniel Duncan*

III. *Arnold Duncan*

IV. *Paul Duncan*

V. *John B. Duncan.*



DEEDS

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## DEED: DANIEL DUNCAN TO SIMON ROSS

This indenture made this day of August one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine between Daniel Duncan of Shippensburg and county of Cumberland and State of Pa. and Deniah Duncan his wife of the one part and Simon Ross of the Co. and State aforesaid and New Town Township of the other part witnesseth that the said Daniel Duncan for and in consideration of Two Thousand Pounds Lawfull Money of the aforesaid State of Penna to him in hand paid by the said Simon Ross the said Daniel Duncan hath granted unto the said Simon Ross a tract of land being in New Town Township, county and State aforesaid and surveyed by an order granted from the Land Office at Phila. and to the said Daniel Duncan in partnership with Samuel Perry for said land and conveyed said Daniel Duncan by said Samuel Perry bearing date the Twentieth Day of June One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Seven. Date May Fourth One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Six, adjoining land of William Plumseed's heirs containing 259 acres. Also that the said Daniel Duncan hath full power to sell unto the said Simon Ross.

In witness whereof the said Daniel Duncan and Dianah Duncan hereunto set their hands the day and year written.


Signed sealed and delivered in presence

Daniel Duncan.

Dianah Duncan.

James McCall  
John Johnston.

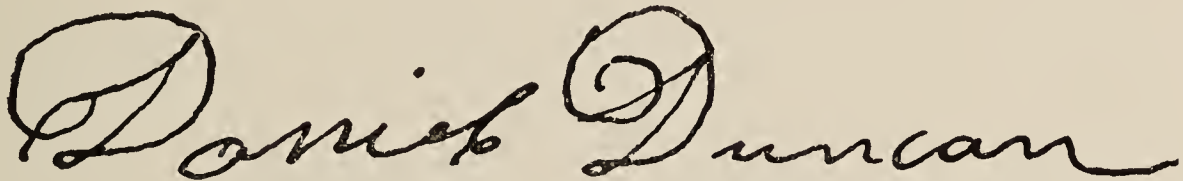
Received this Twenty Third Aug.  
One Thousand Seven Hundred and  
Seventy Nine the sum of Two  
Thousand Pounds in full  
consideration Money of the  
within mentioned land.



Recorded the First Day May 1780  
Deed Book I-E, p. 482, Carlisle, Pa.

## DEED: DANIEL DUNCAN TO ROBERT RAMSEY

Indenture made twenty third day December in the year of our Lord 1779 between Daniel Duncan of town of Shippensburg in Co. of Cumberland, Merchant, and Dianah his wife of one part and Robert Ramsey Senior of the Co. of Lancaster in State aforesaid of the other part, witnesses that the said Daniel Duncan and Dianah his wife for the sum of Nine Thousand and four hundred and twenty five pounds lawful money of Penna. to them in hand paid by the said Robert Ramsey hath granted a certain plantation in the township of Lurgan in the Co. of Cumberland, thence by land of Samuel Brindel, thence by land of Thomas Greer, by the land of the heirs of Adam Hoops, by land of Thomas Greer, thence by land of Samuel Rippey containing 6 hundred and 28 acres, 14th Day April 1782 sold for the consideration therein mentioned, to said Daniel Duncan who on the third day June next following obtained a warrant for the same from the Proprietories of Penna.



DINAH DUNCAN.

Recorded in Deed Book I E. p.405.

## DEED: ARNOLD DUNCAN TO NICHOLAS CLOPPER

Know all men that Arnold Duncan and Martha his wife of Shippensburg, Cumberland Co. and State of Pa. hath sold to Nicholas Clopper of Chambersburg, Franklin county, Pa., the one undivided tenth part of all the following described tracts of land as well as his interest in all real estate and land warrants "late of the estate of Daniel Duncan of Shippensburg, deceased." viz. 260 acres about 2 miles from Shippensburg, One tract of 450 acres. One tract of 250 acres. One or two tracts of 250 acres. One tract of 90 acres. One tract in Mifflin Co. about 700 acres and all right and title to real estate, land warrants in the different counties of the State "or any part of the Western country." "Also

one tenth of a Stone House and 2 lots of ground in Shippensburg" being the same in which the said Daniel Duncan did reside in consideration of the sum of fourteen hundred dollars to them in hand paid.

Signed tenth day of March A. D. 1803.

*Arnold Duncan* (Seal)

PATTY DUNCAN (Seal)

Witness

Thomas Foster

T. Brotherton.

Signed sealed and delivered

in the presence of

John Heap, John Copley.

Entered in the Office 1st June, A. D. 1803. Book I-P. page 356.

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"The ——— day of ————— in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty-six. Last will and testament of Thomas Duncan of Hopewell Township, Co. of Cumberland, State of Penna. 'Wife Jane one full third part of all my estate to witt money, lands, cattle, movables, debts, house-hold goods etc. Son William five shillings, son John five shillings, son Stephen five shillings, son David five shillings, son Samuel two full thirds of what remains after the above mentioned legacies are taken of. Son Daniel the remaining third part after the afore-said legacies are taken of. If wife should not survive me I do bequeath to sons Daniel, Stephen and Samuel that third part devised my wife to each an equal dividend. Wife Jane and son Stephen sole executors."

*John Heap* 



Wit.

William Brown,

Sam'l Coulter.

Jno' McCallister.

Will probated

18th day Jan. 1776.

Book B. p. 212. Carlisle, Cumberland Co. Penna.

Will of Mary Duncan, of Hagerstown, M'd. "All of my estate real and personal. All the money in James Duncan's hands and all that remains in the hands of Charles Carson to my sister Ellen Duncan to do with as she may think proper."

Will dated April 27th. 1823. MARY DUNCAN (Seal)

Wit.

Mary L. Duncan

Rebecca L. Hughes.

On 9th January 1850 Mary Frances Duncan deposed she was well acquainted with the hand-writing of Mary L. Duncan and Rebecca Lux Hughes witnesses to the will of Mary Duncan of Hagerstown, M'd and subsequent to date of said will removed to Carlisle where she died; that Mary L. Duncan m. Rev. John McCullough and d. in Delaware; that said Rebecca L. Hughes m. Dr. Martin and d. in State of Pa; that she (Mary Frances Duncan) was familiar with the hand-writing of Mary Duncan testatrix and the hand-writing to the will in that of Mary Duncan. On 9th. Jan 1850 Margaret M. Duncan also deposed that she was well-acquainted with the writing of Mary Duncan the testatrix and that the signature "Mary Duncan etc." is in the proper hand-writing of the said Mary Duncan.

Signed. MARGARET M. DUNCAN.

Will Record M. p. 51. Cumberland Co. Wills.

WILL OF ROBERT PATTERSON,  
*of Township East Pennsboro, Cumberland Co., Penna.*

Dated 26th of Sept. 1792. All real or land estate be sold at discretion of Executors. Wife to enjoy profits of one-third of estate until it be sold. If she live so long he gives her the interest of one third of the money arising from the sale during her natural life. Also gives her one third of his personal estate. Wills that the money arising from the sale of lands or real estate and the residue of his personal estate be equally divided between children William, Samuel, Robert, Timothy, John. Millard, Hannah, Jane, wife of Henry Furrer (Forrer) and Martha—deducting first out of daughter Jane's part what he has already given her. Wife and son-in-law Henry Furrey (Forrer) Executors.

Wit.

Jonathan Hoge,  
 William Devin.

*Robert A Patterson* 

Probated 9th Oct. 1792.  
 Will Record E. p. 265.

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A NEGLECTED GRAVEYARD.

Some fifteen days since, returning from a professional visit in Cumberland Co. we were shown the location of an old neglected grave-yard. It belonged to the Presbyterians but what its extent is not now determined owing to the constant encroachments of the adjoining farm. It is located two miles west of Harrisburg at the junction of the Carlisle ferry road and the State road to Gettysburg. But one tombstone was found entire. On it was the following:

"In memory of  
ROBERT PATTERSON

Who was born the 4th  
Day of March 1744  
and deceased the 30th  
of September 1792  
Aged 48 years, Six  
Months and 25 days."

From *Egle's Notes and Queries*, Third Series, Vol. I., p. 392.

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Will of Joseph Jacob of West Pennsborough Township, Cumberland County, Pa.

Will Book 3, pp. 247-9. Dated Jan. 2, 1783.

Bequeaths wife Elinor Jacob all her wearing apparel, bed and bed-furniture, a negro woman Peg, a negro girl Sib, the big chest with two drawers, the walnut table, arm chair, brass kettle, etc., etc., silver spoons, etc., warming pan, bay mare called Ben with saddle and bridle, pewter vessels of the dresser, large silver spoon, etc., etc. Daughter Mary, wife of Robert Quigley 5 shillings and all she has received from me. Daughter Diana, wife of Daniel Duncan 5 shillings and all she has received from me. Son John Jacob the lott of ground I have in Charlestown, Cecil Co., M'd and 15 pounds in cash, etc. Daughter Elinor, wife of John Reed 5 shillings and all she has received from me. Son Jarman Jacob all the plantation tract of land I now live on, the meadow cleared on the place I bought of Andrew Gibson lying next to John Scouller's Mill. All the rest of land I bought of Gibson I have given my son Thomas and have given Elinor my negro boy Ned. Reserve the third of the benefits of my plantation to wife Elinor and third of the mansion house during her widow-hood. Bequeaths all legacy left me by my uncle Joseph Jacob to be equally divided amongst my wife and children each of them an equal share. After debts, demands and funeral charges are paid I bequeath to be equally divided between wife and son Jarman the remainder of my estate. N.B. What remains to be paid off the plantation I give to son Thomas Jacob I allow to be taken from



the legacy that is left me by my uncle Joseph before that the dividend there-of be made. Ordains wife Elinor and son Jarman executors, etc.

Signed

Joseph Jacob

Wit.

David Ralston.

James Ralston.

John Scouller.

A caveat was entered by Daniel Duncan and Robert Quigley March 3rd, 1787, against taking probate of will. The caveat was withdrawn by Robert Quigley and Administrators of Daniel Duncan and the will was legally proved third day April, 1792.

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#### WILL OF ELEANOR DUNCAN,

*Widow of Robert Duncan of the borough of Carlisle, Pa.*

"All just debts be paid and funeral expenses and place of my interment be suitably marked. I have invested in several sums fourteen thousand and three hundred dollars derived from my husband's estate, the 6/15 part I hold in trust under his will for my daughter Mary Frances. The other nine fifteenths I give my daughter to be invested, the interest there-of to be paid her annually. I give etc. the same as follows. Harriet Oliphant \$1100. Mary Ann Carson, wife of Charles Carson \$1100. Ellen McLure \$1100. Mary Ann Buckingham \$500. Frances Ann McCullough \$500. Catherine Rippey \$500. Ellen Duncan Oliphant, dau' of John and Harriet Oliphant \$500. Mary E. Duncan, dau' of Samuel Duncan \$500. Mary Duncan Oliphant \$400, Ellen McLane dau' of John W. M. McCollough \$500. Ellen Duncan Oliphant dau' Jane Oliphant \$400. To the American Missionary Society formed in city of N. Y. in the year 1826 \$560. And if the special fund should be insufficient to pay these legacies in full then each

shall pro-rata, and if it should be increased then each legacy shall be increased pro-rata. I have also a fund of \$1800. in hands of Dr. Stephen Duncan of Natchez. Miss. which he has invested and which I derived from the estate of my sister Mary Duncan and this I bequeath as follows: Margaret Buckingham \$500. Mary Ann Carson \$500. My niece Mary Ellen Laird \$500. Ellen McLure \$300. Frances Ann McCullough \$200. Appoints Henry D. Schmidt of Carlisle, Pa. Executor.

ELLEN DUNCAN.

Wit.  
John B. Parker.  
F. Wyeth.

Probated 9th. April 1862  
Will Record N. p. 215

Dated 8th. Oct. 1852. Cumberland Co. Wills. Carlisle, Pa.

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## TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS

*In the Grave-yard of Derry and Paxtang Churches.*

"In memory of John Duncan Sr. who departed this life April 11, 1792 aged 82 years."

"Robert Duncan died Feb. 26, 1776, aged 82 years."

"John Duncan Jr. died August 24, aged 17 years."

"In memory of Ann Duncan who departed this life April 11, 1792 aged 82 years."

"In memory of William Duncan who departed this life Sept. 24, 1783 aged 97 years." (Lower Paxtang now in Dauphin Co.)

"In memory of James Duncan died Aug. 25, 1792 aged 64 years."

"John Duncan Sr. died June 30, 1788 aged 81 years." (In Paxtang church near Harrisburg, Pa.)

"Thomas Duncan departed this life June 7, 1819 in the 91st. year of his age."

*In the Grave-yard of the Falling Spring.*

"Jane Duncan consort of Thomas Duncan departed this life Nov. 16, 1813 in the 79th. year of her age."

"James M. Horner born April 28, 1797, died June 10, 1857."

"Jane wife of James Horner died in 1882 in her 85th year."

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RECORD OF MARRIAGES

*In First Presbyterian Church, Carlisle, Penna.*

1785	April 28th.	Thomas Duncan to Patty Callender.
1788	December 30th.	James Duncan to Margaret Johnson.
1792	June 2nd.	Ann Duncan to Samuel Mahon.
1793	April 11th.	David Duncan to Letitia Anderson.
1797	September 20th.	Mrs. Duncan to Ephraim James Blaine.
1800	March 6th.	Samuel Duncan to Betsy Creagh.
1802	November 16th.	Stephen Duncan to Harriot Elliott.
1805	March 18th.	Robert Duncan to Elener Duncan.
1808	April 5th.	Mary Ann Duncan to Dr. James Gustine.
1808	October 4th.	Ann Duncan to Edward Stiles.
1811	February 12th.	Stephen Duncan to Margaret Stiles.

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FAMILY RECORD OF ANDREW DUNCAN.

Andrew Duncan Sr.	B. March 10, 1759.
Ann Smith—his wife	b. December 27, 1776.
Elizabeth Andrew—second wife.	b. June 24, 1779.

CHILDREN.

William Duncan	March 29, 1778
Elizabeth Duncan Sr.	January 27, 1775
James Duncan Jr.	April 2, 1780
Andrew Duncan Jr.	May 23, 1782.
John Duncan	August 1, 1784
Robert Duncan	July 13, 1787
Catherine Duncan	July 11, 1789
Jonathan Duncan (Father of Agnes Duncan)	November 14, 1791



## CHILDREN OF SECOND WIFE.

Washington Duncan Sr.	March 23, 1810
Ann Duncan Jr.	Sept. 23, 1814.
Sampson Duncan	June 26, 1817
Robert Duncan	
Andrew Duncan Sr.	

## DEATHS.

Elizabeth Duncan	August 10, 1777
Ann Duncan	September 10, 1795
Sampson Duncan	January 20, 1820
Robert Duncan	May 27, 1827.
Andrew Duncan.	January 13, 1823.

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(S. H. Duncan of Seaton, Illinois, of the firm of A. L. Duncan Sons, and son of Mrs. Agnes Duncan, wrote me Feb. 18th, 1896—"Mother requests me to send you the enclosed record from the Family Bible." I also had a letter from her in which she wrote—"I am of the same branch as Thomas Duncan of Cumberland Co. and I knew the Carlisle Duncans and claimed them as cousins."—(K. D. S.)

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"YEATS REPORTS OF CASES IN THE SUPREME  
COURT, PA.,

1801. *Vol. 3, p. 203.*

"Joseph Duncan, Administrator of Dinah Duncan, deceased, against Administrators of Daniel Duncan, deceased. The following was stated for the opinion of the Court at the last Circuit Court at Carlisle.

"The said Dinah Duncan was the widow of the afore-said Daniel and died on the 4th. of Jan. 1791. It is agreed that the defendant having made distribution of the estate of the said Daniel Duncan among his representatives, that distribution shall stand as far as has been made, and that the Plaintiff shall only claim his share of his mother's—the said Dinah's estate as her eldest son, and it is submitted to the Court to determine whether the said

Joseph Duncan as eldest son of the said Dinah is entitled to two shares of her estate, she having died before the passing of the last act of distribution."

At September term following it was decided that plaintiff was entitled to two shares of the surplusage of the personal estate of his mother as her eldest son."

From *Wing's History of Cumberland County*.

"Thomas, Daniel and William Duncan lot-holders in Hope-well T'w'p. in 1760. P. 65.

Thomas, Stephen and James Duncan lot-holders in Carlisle in 1762. P. 61.

Samuel Duncan of Carlisle. Pp. 91 and 187.

Daniel, Samuel and William Duncan among the first holders of deeds or leases issued by Edward Shippen in 1763 for lots in Shippensburg. P. 252.

David Duncan mentioned among the members of Middle Spring church who served in Revolutionary War. P. 261."

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#### CUMBERLAND CO., PENNA., O. C. RECORD.

8 Feb. 1791.

"Came into Court Joseph Duncan and Sarah Duncan two of the orphan children of Daniel Duncan dec'd both minors, above the ages of fourteen years and prayed the Court to appoint Stephen Duncan, 'merchant of Carlisle' guardian etc. etc."

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Same day "Thomas Duncan Esq. prays the Court to appoint Stephen Duncan above said guardian over the persons and estates of Arnold, Samuel, John, Jesse, Elinor and Mary Duncan minor orphan children of Daniel Duncan dec'd all under the ages of fourteen years."

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12th Feb. 1795

Thomas Duncan applies for appointment of guardian over Jesse, Eleanor and Mary Duncan minor children of Daniel Duncan dec'd under age of fourteen years.

10th. May 1796. John Arthur resigned the guardianship of Arnold, Samuel, Jesse, Eleanor and Mary Duncan, minor orphan children of Daniel Duncan dec'd.

1st. December 1795 Arnold Duncan petitioned for the appointment of John Arthur as guardian over himself.

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### DAVID DUNCAN.

*Letter from Stoddart Howell dated April, 1885, to Rev. H. C. Duncan, Alexandria, La.:*

"Alexander Brown of county Antrim emigrated to Baltimore in 1800. William Brown was b. Feb. 10, 1788, m. Nov. 12, Margaret B. Duncan of Phila. She d. May 23, 1820. One of her daughters—Margaret Duncan—married Lieut. Colonel Dunn, Royal Artillery."

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*Letter of J. G. Hickman to H. C. Duncan of same date as above:*

"About the beginning of this century there was a mercantile firm of Davis & Duncan in Washington same county as Maysville. A few left here who have the blood of old Mr. David Duncan, he owned property here. One of my first teachers was Ennis a son of David Duncan, probably. The family went to New Madrid, Missouri."

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*Letter of W. D. Hixon, Librarian, Maysville and Macon Co. Library, Historical and Scientific Association to H. C. Duncan:*

"On examining a short sketch of the Duncan family I find David Duncan, Sr., was b. in Scotland, moved to Ireland where he m. his first wife, she dying shortly after giving birth to a son Ennis whom he left with his maternal grandparents. He then emigrated to America (the date of birth of Ennis would fix it 1762-3), settled at Hagerstown, Maryland. He engaged in the Indian trade, making excursions to Ohio and even the Lakes. He



removed to Kentucky. Sometime in the 90's he settled near Maysville and erected a sort of station. He d. in 182- leaving property by will to his son Ennis, to the 7 sons of his son William, to son Joseph, to daughters Mary Lindsey, Elizabeth Miller, Jane Stewart, Polly Campbell, his sons Martin and Benjamin; to grandchildren Lucien, Alfred, Maria and Greer. I have no record of his second marriage which must have taken place in this county. Ennis (Enos?) had a son James. Ennis was b. in Ireland in 1762, removed to England, married, was in the Rebellion of '98 under Col. Stewart, emigrated to Kentucky, settled at Maysville, m. a second time but last wife left no issue. A certificate is preserved from Grand Lodge of Accepted Masons in Dublin. James, son of Ennis born in England in 1791, came to Maysville with his parents, died in Covington. David Duncan, Jr., a prominent merchant of Maysville, firm Davis and Duncan. In 1812 on a trip to New Madrid, Mo., he was killed by the Indians.

#### DAVID DUNCAN.

Issue by 1st marriage, sons James and Wesley.

Issue by 2nd marriage, William, Joseph, Mary or Nancy m. Lindsey.

Elizabeth Miller, Jane Stewart, Polly Campbell, Martin, Benjamin and David.

Issue of David were Lucian, Alfred, Maria, Greer Brown.

Issue of Greer Brown Duncan were Herman Cope Duncan of Alexandria, La. and Thomas Duncan of Elysis, Ohio."

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*Extracts from letters of Dr. Herman Cope Duncan, Episcopal Minister, Alexandria, La.:*

"My line I feel sure is Thomas,<sup>1</sup> David,<sup>2</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> Greer Brown,<sup>4</sup> Herman Cope Duncan.<sup>5</sup> My father Greer Brown Duncan lived in New Orleans, La."

"Alexandria, La., December 2, 1895.

"It appears that Thomas Duncan emigrated first, and afterward his son David came, was in Ireland as late as 1762. It is

said he fought at Culloden and was attainted by the British Parliament. My grand-father David was supposed to have been killed by the Indians near New Madrid, now Missouri. I have a letter from him dated Washington, Ky., October 23, 1811, addressed to Lucien my son. Also a letter from Peggy Duncan (my grandmother) to Mrs. Hickey, dated Washington, Mason Co., Ky., May 1, 1813. Also a letter from Mrs. Frances Duncan, wife (I think) of Abner Duncan, dated New Orleans, June 8, 1813, addressed to Mrs. Peggy Duncan, Washington Co., Ky. This letter is endorsed by my father, Greer Brown Duncan, to my mother, Mrs. F. S. Duncan. My grand-father, David Duncan, was father of Lucius Campbell, Alfred Taylor, Maria and Greer Brown Duncan. Lucius m. Miss MacKenzie of London, Eng., by whom there was a child d. young and Mary Rebecca Smith, no issue. She is now a widow Lee and lives in Baltimore. Alfred Taylor Duncan m. Miss Rogers. Issue: Lewis Greer, Maria, Theresa Victoria. The latter m. B. F. Johnson now in Kansas. Aunt Maria m. — Willis. Issue: Margaret, Lucius Campbell and Frances. These three children were adopted by their uncles L. C. and G. B. Duncan and given the name Duncan. Maria m. Mr. Burgoyne and lives in New York, has several children. Lucius Campbell m. a Boardman and has children, lives in London, Eng. Greer Brown Duncan, my father, m. Mary Jane Cope, Oct. 1, 1845. I am the only child, m. Maria Elizabeth Cooke, have 2 children, Greer Ashton and Herman John. \* \* \* A daughter of Abner and Frances Duncan was Rose, was 1st wife of Col. Wm. Preston Johnston, son of Albert Sidney Johnston and President Tulane University, N. O.”

“Alexandria, La., January 18, 1896.

Father died before I was 12 and his father died when he was an infant and his mother when he was 7. I remember distinctly a visit from Mr. Stephen Duncan, Sr., of Natchez, Miss., and his being there as *a cousin*. His brother James of Shreveport I have personally known in my adult years. Years ago there was in Philadelphia a General William Duncan whose daughter was a Mrs. Ford, a poet. My uncle Lucius was Commissioner to the London Exposition of 1851 and carried an American Flag with him. It was quite handsome and was first unfurled in Independence Hall. Mrs. Ford was present as one of the family connection and composed and dedicated some verses to the flag. I have



her letter transmitting the verses in which she calls herself "cousin." It is possible there were two Duncan families in Carlisle, Pa. We find my great-grand-father there at one time and leaving there the older members of his family who rose to prominence. All accounts agree in this and we find your ancestors there, and inasmuch as the same names occur in the immediate descendants of both it appears they were of the same family."

"Alexandria, La., January 28, 1896.

If I were in Europe I would first of all find a copy of the Act of Parliament passed about 1745 or '6 by which the prominent adherents of Charles Edward 'The Pretender' were attainted of treason, in order to find the name of the Duncan who was the emigrant. This Act confiscated estates and provided the death penalty to any therein named if found in Great Britain (including Scotland), but permitted emigrants to the other Provinces of the Crown. There were 43 persons named in the Act. There is a place in extreme north (Scotland) called Duncannon, but I would think nothing of that had not Dr. Stephen Duncan called his place in Mississippi by that name.

If abroad I would go to Londonderry, Ireland, and enquire for Duncans and Griers. I strongly suspect that the wife of the emigrant Duncan was a Greer or Grier. My maternal grandmother was Mary Greer and she was born in that part of Ireland, and it was believed the Duncans and Greers were related. I did not know that David Duncan was Assistant Quarter-Master General. My maternal great-uncle was Major Grier of York, Penna."

"Alexandria, La., Feb. 28, 1896.

I enclose letter from Col. Wm. Preston Johnston who m. a daughter or grand-daughter of Abner L. Duncan. The account of the disaster at New Madrid is correct. I do not think that stopping at Baton Rouge was mere chance, as my grand-mother went, at once, back to Mason Co., Ky., as soon as she placed my uncle Lucius with Abner Duncan."

"Alexandria, La., March 9, 1896.

The James Duncan I have referred to was of Shreveport, La., and he told me I was his cousin and also that Stephen Duncan



of Natchez was. I hope Mrs. Lane will go to Donegal, Ireland, and try to find out something about James Duncan and his grandson Ennis—it may be the Seth business may contain the clue sought. David Duncan located in Kentucky in 1793, and date of his death is 1827. You will note the statement in the Johnston letter that David Duncan had at his death two sons, David and William, and the further statement that David Duncan had 4 children and he was killed near New Madrid in 1811 or 1812. The children were Lucius Campbell, Alfred, Maria and Greer Brown. I have a letter from David Duncan to his son Lucius in which he sends his regards to 'your uncle Thomas.' He may have been a brother-in-law of David Duncan. Have always heard that my grand-father was beyond middle life when killed by the Indians."

"Alexandria, La., March 23, 1896.

My uncle was Lucius Campbell Duncan, and my aunt Maria named her 2 sons Lucius Campbell and Francis. I want to make a suggestion, viz., can you discover whether there was any other connection between the Duncans and Campbells than that of Sarah Duncan Campbell? It is possible that one of the David Duncans—my grand-father or great-grand-father might have married into that family."

"Alexandria, La., March 28, 1896.

Mr. Hixson gives a great deal concerning the family of David Duncan—my great-grand-father. It seems confirmatory of the tradition that he was a native of Scotland. I suppose the relationship to Thomas Duncan is still in doubt." (Dr. H. C. Duncan here refers to Thomas Duncan, will recorded at Carlisle, 1776.) —K. D. S.

"Alexandria, La., March 29, 1896.

What Mrs. Burgoyne writes of David Duncan, Sr., is a re-echo of what I have sent you. You will note she re-asserts the claim of kinship with Stephen Duncan of Natchez, Miss. I am anxious to hear what Butler Duncan has to say. Rosa Duncan, who married Preston Johnston, we know was a descendant of Seth, the ancestor of Mr. Ford. She was the grand-daughter of Abner Duncan. Mrs. Burgoyne was with my uncle in Scotland when he made Duncan search and may remember some things."

“Alexandria, La., April 9, 1896.

I have a letter from *Bishop Hale* in which he says it was an uncle of his who married into the Duncan family. I have struck another lead, but know not what it may lead to. A Duncan descendant here (Alexandria) tells me that the name came from his grand-mother who was an emigrant from Scotland. He has the same tradition concerning the connection with the ancient royal blood. His ancestor came latter part of the last century with two brothers who are said to have settled in New York.”

“Alexandria, La., April 11, 1896.

Have made another advancement. I learn that one of the suburbs of Pittsburgh is named Mt. Washington. If this is the place where David Duncan wrote his letter in 1812 (which letter I have) and was there engaged in a lawsuit, his father being David and then living, it is entirely possible that David, Sr., may have been the David Duncan of Pittsburgh who assigned a claim to David, Jr., and this may account for the failure of David, Sr., to give the children of David, Jr., any share of his property by last will, as per statement of Mr. Hixson.”

“Alexandria, La., April 27, 1896.

Bishop Hale, in a recent letter, quotes from a letter from his cousin. She writes: ‘My great-grand-father came from Scotland and was named Thomas Duncan and had a son David. I think the Pittsburgh and Louisiana Duncans were cousins, were the same family. You see here is another tradition of kinship to our branch. I met last week Judge Moncure, the law partner of the late James Duncan of Shreveport. He told me Mr. Duncan was a native of Pennsylvania.’ ”

“Alexandria, La., May 6, 1896.

I enclose extract from *Biography of Greer Brown Duncan*, published in 1853:

‘His paternal grand-father was by birth and education a Scotchman and took active part in the rebellion in 1745. He was at the battle of Preston-Pass and during the year succeeding was in the sanguinary action at Culloden and surviving the terrible defeat which his party sustained in this action he still followed the



uncertain fortunes of Prince Charlie throughout the year 1746 until his leader left Scotland destitute of means and friends. He made his way to the colonies of America, having been included in the royal proclamation offering a reward for his apprehension for Charles and his adherents if taken in Scotland. He first settled in Massachusetts and again felt the sting of British lead at Bunker Hill. He subsequently served in the American Army throughout the Revolution. Peace restored, he settled with his wife at Carlisle, Pa., where he raised a large family, some of these rose to honorable distinction. Some years later he removed with the younger portion of his family to Mason Co., Kentucky, and was engaged with Simon Kenton in the bloody and thrilling incidents which distinguished the history of the early settlement of that State.' The foregoing was written by James McConnell, Esq., now as then of New Orleans. The mother of Greer Brown Duncan died at Washington, Mason Co., Ky., in 1819, and his father died in 1812."

HERMAN COPE DUNCAN.

(Dr. Duncan was greatly interested in Duncan family history and gave me all he had of David Duncan, who he believed was the son of Thomas Duncan of Cumberland Co., Pa. The proof is not conclusive that this David Duncan was a son of Thomas Duncan of Cumberland Co., but there is proof of kinship. Dr. Duncan moved from Alexandria, La., to Washington, D. C. He had two sons, Greer Ashton and Herman John Duncan.)—K. D. S.

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#### FULL COPY OF LETTER FROM JOHN G. FORD.

"713 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Feb. 15, 1896.

My dear Madam:

Your very interesting letter of 3d inst. has just been received. If you have previously written me it did not reach me. I was abroad from 10th August to October 27th and on returning did not find a letter from you awaiting me. In regard to the history of the Duncan family I am only familiar with the genealogy of the descendants of Seth Duncan who emigrated from the county of Donegal, Ireland, to Pennsylvania, about year 1750 and first



settled in Octorara Township in Lancaster County. A few years later he moved to York, Penna., and from there to Abbotstown in York, now Adams County. Seth was the son of James Duncan whose father, Duncan (we have no record of his Christian name), came from Queen's Ferry, opposite Edinburgh, on the Firth of Forth, to Donegal County in Ireland.

James Duncan, the father, remained in Donegal with his daughter Martha, but Seth came to America with his two brothers. The latter went further into the interior, while Seth remained until his death, in the early part of the century, at Abbotstown. My grand-father, William Duncan, is the son of Adam Seth Enos Duncan who was the son of Seth by the second wife. My mother Mary Ann was the second child of William Duncan (the first having died in infancy). She married Athanasius Ford of Maryland, grand-son of an Athanasius Ford who was for several sessions a member of the Annapolis-Maryland Convention, held before the Declaration of Independence. I was the second child of Athanasius and Mary Ann Ford and am now the surviving executor of my grandfather William Duncan's estate, and thus have been able to keep a record of the descendants of Seth Duncan.

There was a Mrs. Duncan who resided in Carlisle, Penna., when grandfather William Duncan was quite a lad. She always called him 'cousin.' Her son Thomas Duncan was a distinguished lawyer and was appointed to the Supreme Bench of Pennsylvania in 1817.

When I was quite a youth, my uncles James and William Duncan were engaged in the wholesale importing hardware business on Market Street in Philadelphia. One of their customers was David Duncan, who kept a large store in either Penn's or Sugar valley in Centre Co., Penna. He had been married five times. One of his daughters married Gen. Potter of Potter's Bank, in Centre Co., Penna. Mr. John M. Hale, of Phillipsburg, in the same county, married a granddaughter of David. It may be that David was a son of your ancestor Thomas. Oliver Perry and William C. Duncan, sons of David, moved to the Western country forty years ago and have long since died. In boyhood I remember Captain Mathew Duncan of U. S. A., whose brother Joseph Duncan was Governor of Illinois, soon after its admission into the Union as a State. Captain Duncan's son Thomas was a Brigadier General in the U. S. A. and died a few years ago in Washington

City. They were distant relations of ours.

Dr. Henry Cope Duncan, of Alexandria, La., is the son of Greer B. Duncan, who was the brother of Lucius C. Duncan, both distinguished lawyers in New Orleans in their day. They were descended from the Centre County Duncans. Lucius studied law in New Orleans in the office of my grandfather's brother, Abner L. Duncan, who was a prominent lawyer and an aide-de-camp to General Jackson at the battle of January 8th, 1815, and with Edward Livingston, counsel for the General at the famous trial before Judge Hall where Jackson was fined \$1,000 for declaring Martial Law in the city of New Orleans.

I distinctly recollect the occasion of the unfurling of a silk flag by Mr. Lucius C. Duncan in the Hall of Independence in Philadelphia. The staff had been cut by Mr. Duncan, from a small tree that grew near the tomb of Washington at Mount Vernon.

James M. Duncan, born in Centre County, located as a lawyer in Pittsburgh. He was of the family of David, probably a brother's son. Seth, a brother of my grandfather, settled near Christianburg, Va. His descendants live near that town. Captain Charles A. Vernon married Mary, daughter of Chester and Sarah Lasell. Mrs. Lasell was my mother's sister. Of the eight children born to my parents, three are now living, my sister Mrs. Mary R. Moser (whose husband, Dr. Phillip S. Moser of Boone, Iowa, died about a year ago). My sister, Anna Martha, is single. I married early in life and lost my dear wife in October, 1890. We had no children. Mrs. Moser has three children living. Mary married Milo Harral of Early, Iowa. Anna married to Mr. Kelly, and Duncan now studying medicine. Mr. and Mrs. Harral have three children.

If you would like to have any additional information or a genealogy of the descendants of Seth Duncan I should be happy to send it to you.

Very truly yours,

JOHN G. FORD."



COPY OF LETTER FROM MRS. W. M. BURGOYNE.

"138 W. 104th Street, New York, March 24, 1896.

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Your interesting letter overwhelms me with the sense of my indifference and culpable ignorance of the subject which interests you so deeply. From my earliest knowledge of anything I was taught to be proud of my ancestor David Duncan, who was called a 'Covenantor' and came to this country with a price on his head.

A colony of his descendants settled in Centre County, Penna. From there my David Duncan, my great-grandfather and the great-grandfather of Mr. Duncan of Alexandria, La., went to Missouri, Cape Girardeau, where he died at an advanced age, family tradition says 115 years. I remember well my maternal uncles claimed kinship with the Stephen Duncan of Natchez, Miss., and with Alexander Duncan of Providence, R. I. He is the father of William Butler Duncan of New York.

There was a Rosa Duncan, a daughter of John, who married a son of Albert Sidney Johnston of Confederate Army. My brother is still in England. His address is Lucius Duncan, Esq., 9 West Strand Channing Cross, London, or Care Grosvenor Club, 135 New Bond Street, London.

(MRS. W. M.) MARGARET DUNCAN BURGOYNE."

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS OF JOHN ELLIOTT DUNCAN.

"Ames, Iowa, Sept. 10, 1894.

I am nearly sixty years old and am youngest child of John Duncan family, all of whom were born in Shippensburg, Pa.

Father (John) was twice married. First to Catherine Redat and had children Daniel, Jesse, Catherine always called 'Kitty,' Robert, Stephen. By second wife he had children Benjamin, Samuel, Mary Ellen, Margaret Morris, Francis Campbell and John Elliott. His second wife was my mother, widow Elizabeth Hunt.

My half-sister Catherine ('Kitty') married Allen Rippey and for years lived with her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Bender of Hagers-town.



Frank Duncan, a brother of Laura Duncan Hefflebower, is the only one of our family now living in Shippensburg.

"Oct. 5th, 1894. .

Father had two sisters, Ellen and Mary Duncan. Write the Oliphants at Uniontown. In the 50's I met one of them at Aunt Ellen's in Carlisle and together we visited the family lot in the cemetery, etc."

"Oct. 9, 1894.

I never saw any of father's brothers and sisters except aunts Ellen and Mary who often visited at father's. I cannot untangle the web of kinship between the Elliotts, Campbells, Senator Hannegan of Indiana, Robert J. Walker, Secretary Treasury under President Polk; Dr. Duncan of Natchez, Miss., etc., etc. They were called 'cousins' and the word 'cousins' was and is today the Alpha and Omega to me.

I remember I was booked for Annapolis, and when Commodore Elliott died I heard nothing more about it. Here I am reminded aunt Ellen had a daughter Fanny. She was a full cousin and I knew her fairly well, a frail flower, but one who weathered the storms of seventy years and died near Chambersburg about three years ago.

There lived in my youth a family of Duncans in Chambersburg who were 'cousins.'

Aunt Ellen married her cousin, Robert Duncan. Brothers Daniel and Samuel were in the Mexican War. I was a Federal Officer under Grant and Sherman and have always believed I had relatives in the Confederate Army.

I hope I may hear from you again for your letters are deeply interesting."

"Nov. 5, 1894.

On one occasion at a meeting or gathering my father attended, a man present was disturbing the exercises. Father cautioned him that if he continued his disorderly conduct he would eject him from the room. The ruffian sneered at him and continued his coarse jests when father went to him, picked him up and threw him bodily out of the room.

Fear seemed unfelt and unknown in the Duncan family.

Father was a plain, unassuming man, a Christian, frugal in his ways, honest with his fellow man, cultivated and refined in his tastes, cultured in his deportment, well educated and intelligent and a scholar much above the average in those days. I think grandfather made it a point to educate his children. I know aunts Ellen and Mary were well educated and very refined, and so were cousin Martha and her mother.

Father owned a farm in the country and moved to Shippensburg and built a residence. He had a small income, but our wants were meagre compared with what we think we must have now. Upon father's death mother managed to get on well on a small income and made regular contributions to the support of the M. E. Church.

I remember a visit aunts Ellen and Mary paid us in Shippensburg, I have reason to never forget it. Aunt Mary enquired of me if I would prefer a collegiate education, or learn the printer's trade, or profession. I announced my preference for the latter. I have regretted it but once, a continuous regret from that hour to this one. There before me was that dear aunt's open house; the college doors swung wide, and the good president's arms were outstretched, but I, idiot like, threw away the opportunity of a lifetime to become a composer of type and of words, too, as it proved, for I have been a very successful newspaper man all my life nearly.

Pennsylvania was a slave State at one time. Judge Duncan manumitted his chattel property. One of these slaves, we called her 'Old Luce,' lived in father's family long after she was given freedom and I think she cared, to some extent, for all his children."

"Nov. 7th, 1894.

I always thought that Francis Campbell was a bachelor. I have given you the names of father's children. I am so much obliged to you for sending me so much valuable and interesting information of my ancestors. I have become deeply interested in your researches.

Main Street in Shippensburg in my youth was about two miles long and what seems strange it never lengthened from 1843 when we removed from our farm to Shippensburg to 1861 and I presume it is the same to-day.



You mention names Haynes, Stiles and Mahons. These were always regarded as relatives. The fact that father was a Methodist and they were Presbyterians produced a slight social chasm in the families, but dear aunts Ellen and Mary and cousin Martha and her mother were always lovable, kind and considerate and the church never separated us in their affectionate tenderness. Mrs. Marr has a very fine oil painting of my father taken in the prime of life. This portrait is of a refined and cultivated gentleman of 'ye old time.' 'Brother John' and 'uncle John' as father was called, was looked up to by the others of the family because of his sincerity, honesty, fine judgement, but above all his deep piety and the absence of deceit and hypocrisy."

"Nov. 16, 1895.

It is now over two months since I received your last letter. My long silence you can readily account for. I am truly in the 'sear and yellow leaf,' and my vitality is perceptibly decreasing, still, however much as I would welcome a change, I expect to survive much longer than my friends anticipate, as I possess wonderful recuperative forces and I do not give up the hope of seeing you some day, but I fear not this winter, some time, may be next spring.

I want to express to you my opinion of you. You possess more energy and force of character than any Duncan living or dead. It is truly wonderful the energy and perseverance with which you have pursued the object of your labor.

I cannot but admire the determination to succeed that has marked every step in your progressive search.

JOHN ELLIOTT DUNCAN."

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EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS OF MRS. FRANCES  
ELLIOTT SPANGLER, DAUGHTER OF  
COM. ELLIOTT.

"Jersey City, N. J., Nov. 10th, 1894.

You speak of a portrait of my father, Commodore Jesse Duncan Elliott, in Hagerstown, Md. That was my father's birth-place.

At the time of his death he had full command of the Philadelphia Navy Yard. He was soon to be made Admiral.



My mother was Frances Vaughan of Norfolk, Va., and was born May 25th, 1791, in Gloucester Co., Va., and died in York, Pa., Dec. 22nd, 1877, aged 86 years and six months. My mother was the only daughter, indeed, the only child of her parents. Her father was Col. William Vaughan of Norfolk.

My father had but one brother, Sinclair, he was also in the Navy.

My parents had six children:

1. Sarah Ann Elliott b. Feb. 24th, 1813, in Hagerstown, Md.
2. Mary Elliott b. Nov. 7th, 1815
3. Harriet Elliott b. Aug. 17th, 1817.
4. Catherine Howell Elliott b. April 18th, 1823—Norfolk, Va.
5. Washington L. Elliott b. March 31st, 1825, in Carlisle, Pa.
6. Frances Rebecca Elliott b. April 12th, 1828, in Carlisle, Pa.

I had six children. One daughter in Newark, N. J. One married daughter in Boston. One son dead. Two sons living in Brooklyn, N. Y.

I am boarding in the above city. My daughter in Newark was named for my aunt Ellen Duncan of Carlisle, Pa. My brother Washington L. Elliott died suddenly of heart disease in his office in San Francisco. He was Vice-President of the Life Deposit and Trust Company. He served through the Mexican and Civil Wars. Died June 29th, 1888."

"Jersey City, N. J., Jan. 22nd, 1895.

I sent the pocket-book to my nephew that was taken by the Indians from my grand-father at the time they killed him. When I was a child we lived at the Charleston Navy Yard and my father recovered the pocket book from a party of Indians who were visiting at the Navy Yard.

The Indians intended to scalp my grand-father, but he had on a scratch, and after they found they could not scalp him they cut off his cue and put it in his pocket book; so I had up to last winter the pocket book and sent it to my nephew who lives in Chicago. His address is 171 La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.

I have another nephew, Jesse Elliott Jacob living at 1221 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Md.

Mary Duncan was my father's aunt as was Ellen Duncan. I have often heard my mother speak of Arnold Duncan."

"Jersey City, N. J., Feb. 8, 1895.

Regarding aunts Ellen and Mary being my father's own aunts I think I can be quite positive in saying they were, and as a child and after my marriage I was always made to think so by my dear mother. My sister, Mrs. Jacob, was named for aunt Mary Duncan. I named my daughter for aunt Ellen. Aunt Mary Duncan spent much of her time with my mother and was so devoted to her. It was aunt Mary Duncan who made the trips out to the lakes with my mother from Carlisle, Pa., in the year 1813 after the battle with the British on Lake Erie.

Mrs. Schmidt of York, Pa., has the life of my father written several years ago, and my sister-in-law, Mrs. V. B. Elliott, No. 1827 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, California. I think my nephew in Baltimore or my nephew in Chicago may have a copy.

My nephew in Chicago was delighted to have what I gave him. My nephew in Baltimore has a handsome portrait of my father left to his mother by Commodore Perry of the U. S. Navy.

I am now making my home in a Convent with the Sisters of Charity, boarding.

There was so much inter-marrying in the Duncan family and my mother often spoke of this.

The pamphlet my father wrote while living in West Chester in the controversy with Commodore O. Perry was different from the 'Life of Jesse D. Elliott.' A nephew of my father, Jesse D. Elliott, was with us in Chester at the time my father wrote the pamphlet.

My father's nephew, Jesse D. Elliott, has died, but his widow lives in New Philadelphia, Ohio. He was editor of a paper there. He has a son in one of the banks, perhaps he has one of father's books. He did all the work on the book.

My nephew in Baltimore made a trip to Norfolk last fall, my mother's home, was entertained by the Bagnells and Gatewoods, my mother's relatives."



“Jersey City, N. J., Feb. 22nd, 1895.

Cousin Mary Frances Duncan was a daughter of aunt Ellen. After the death of her mother she made her home with Mrs. John Oliphant at Uniontown, Pa. She must have had quite an estate which, I suppose, went to the Oliphants. John Oliphant married Harriet Duncan, she made her home with aunt Ellen, in Carlisle.

A short time ago I received a letter from John Elliott Duncan from Ames, Iowa. He writes me that just before my father died he was interested in getting him appointed to Annapolis. Cousin John is so anxious to have a photo of my father, but I have none to send him.

Last winter I sent my nephew in Chicago an almost life size portrait of my father painted by Peale of Philadelphia. Also one painted by Alexander of Boston of my mother and father and the six children. The picture of our family was a fine oil painting and went with my father on each cruise lasting four years. Father was devoted to his wife and children although he was away from them so much.

Aunt Mary Duncan never married. My sister Mary was named for aunt Mary, she lived in Carlisle.

Aunts Mary and Ellen were much at my mother's home. It was after peace was declared with the British on the Lakes that my mother left Carlisle and joined my father.

Her first daughter Sarah Ellen Elliott and aunt Mary Duncan made the trip from Carlisle with my mother, in a sleigh, to join my father. My mother told my father that if Commander Perry and himself were victorious she would go on to join him.

FANNIE E. SPANGLER.”

### EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS OF STEPHEN DUNCAN, NATCHEZ, MISS.

“Dec. 11th, 1894.

I reached home last night and found your very interesting letter of the 6th instant. I have always felt great interest in the Duncan family history, but have only collected a few isolated items, which I obtained as a member of the Pa. Historical Society. Among



them is an old parchment deed from 'The Proprietors of the Province of Pa. and counties of Kent, New Castle and Sussex on Delaware conveying certain 'Lot of Ground with Houses, etc., to Stephen Duncan, merchant.'

Another relic which I have is a clipping from a Philadelphia paper containing a communication from Carlisle, dated June 22nd, 1793, describing a duel between John Duncan, my grand-father, and a Major Lamberton in which the former was killed. The terms of the duel were very sanguinary and are described thus: 'It was agreed the Second should measure off eight paces, a score be made in the centre, from which the parties should start back to back, face about at a word given by one of the Seconds, march up to each other and reserve their fire as long as they chose, but neither to cross the center mark.' This was accordingly observed by both parties with the utmost scrupulous accuracy. At the desire of Major Lamberton they shook hands, wished each other future happiness should they fall, went off, wheeled at the word, stepped up to each other with most undaunted firmness, each reserving his fire until they reached the mark in the center, when the bullet from Major Lamberton's pistol entered Mr. Duncan's head just above the right eye and went through his brains. He fell with his pistol in his hand and never moved again or was discovered the smallest symptom of life.

My grand-father was brother to Judge Duncan of the Supreme Court.

John Cadwalkader of Philadelphia told me the decisions of Judge Duncan were still text-books with the Pa. Bar.

I thank you for having permitted me to form the acquaintance of a kinswoman through this correspondence, and I hope we may have the opportunity of extending it by a personal meeting.

"Dec. 16th, 1894.

I thank you very much for the synopsis of the Duncan pedigree, so far as the American branch is concerned, and I think you over-rate the difficulties of connecting it with our Scottish ancestry. I remember as a boy that Mr. Robert J. Walker, a first cousin of my father and Secretary of Treasury under Mr. Polk, visited Scotland and traced our family to gentlemen farmers of Perthshire, from whom also sprung Admiral Duncan, the hero of Camper-

down and whose descendant now sits in the House of Peers as Earl of Camperdown. Their crest is a dismantled ship and the motto—'Dice Pati'—'Learn to endure.'

I remember also that another cousin, Margaretta Stiles (who married Arthur Hayne of S. C., son of the distinguished Senator, in reply to whom Webster made his celebrated speech in defense of the Union and the Constitution) erected a genealogical tree showing root and branches of our family. They live in California. I have record of the Alumni of Dickinson College, Carlisle, which contains the names of eleven Duncans in the end of the last century and beginning of this. Our correspondence has opened up a vast field for enquiry and has inspired me to dig into the past in the hope of uncovering some treasure of family history hitherto unearthed."

"Palace Hotel, San Francisco, California, Jan. 29th, 1895.

You will be surprised to receive an answer to your letter from this land of the setting sun, but being of a nomad's nature and getting somewhat ennuyé of my surroundings at home, I took a sudden departure for these Occidental regions. During my peregrinations I stayed for a few days at Coronado Beach when, I accidentally became acquainted with —— of your town. I very naturally enquired if they knew you and learned they were intimate friends socially and actively interested in church and charity work. In fact, they were quite enthusiastic in their reference to you.

Answering your interrogation regarding Jesse Duncan, I can assure you that the only members of our family and our name who came to Natchez were my father and uncles Stephen and Samuel Duncan.

I hope you will be able to bring your genealogical researches to a successful issue."

"Auburn, near Natchez, Miss., March 14th, 1895.

I received your letter a few days after my return from the West, but have deferred answering it as I had nothing of interest to write.

My California experience was very agreeable although the first week I passed at Coronado Beach was beastly, the remainder of my sojourn was charming and weather delicious—sapphire skies,



golden sunshine, balmy temperature and every-thing that conduces to meteorological perfection.

In San Francisco I met many of our kins-people, notably the Haynes, who are very prominent socially and otherwise. Mr. Haynes was from Charleston, S. C., and married Margaretta Stiles, a daughter of Ann Duncan and grand-daughter of Judge Thomas Duncan. One of their sons is named Stephen Duncan.

Margaretta Duncan writes me she has heard from Duncan Walker (son of Robert J. Walker) that his cousin Edith Cook has a good deal of detail about the family pedigree, which his father had collected, and she promises to let me know if the information is worth having. I expect to leave here day after tomorrow for New York, and will sail from there for Gibraltar on the 23rd. I have no idea when I shall return, as I may pass next winter in India or on the Nile.

In saying 'good-bye' I must thank you for your pleasant letters and for the interesting family history you have so kindly imparted."

STEPHEN DUNCAN."

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#### EXTRACTS FROM LETTER OF GENERAL S. DUNCAN OLIPHANT

"Trenton, N. J., Jan. 26th, 1895.

I regret to have to confess my ignorance of the history and genealogy of my grand-father, Samuel Duncan's family. I hoped in two trips to England and Scotland, as a Master in Chancery for our circuit, I would investigate and trace our genealogy, but I had not sufficient data.

I have Thomas Duncan as our first ancestor in this country, but do not know from whence he emigrated. I found the name to be not only a good one, but highly respectable, honorable, noble and good—Argyle and Campbell are two of the branches. I found the Duncan plaid in Glasgow and brought one home. It is the same as Argyle and Campbell and very gay.

Your letter tells me more of the family than I ever knew and I am greatly your debtor. I have not a genealogy of the Duncan family, but have of the Oliphant because I had precise data to



start from. I have written and received letters on the subject, but could get no further than Thomas Duncan, and not being able to locate his family in Scotland I gave it up until that can be discovered.

My second wife is an Oliphant of N. J., and her first ancestor in this country was Duncan Oliphant. Her grand-father was Duncan Oliphant. She has a brother and a nephew Duncan Oliphant. This confirms the tradition that the Duncan and Oliphants intermarried in Scotland.

The name of the wife of my grand-father, Samuel Duncan, was Elizabeth Creagh and my mother was Jane Creagh Duncan, and she was the eldest daughter of my grand-father Duncan's children.

I have a good, life-size portrait of my grand-father Duncan taken from an old oil painting on wood which my mother gave me, as I was named for him.

During the War my picket line ran through lands of Judge Bradley, near Washington, D. C. Although Judge Bradley was not in sympathy with the Northern States he was very polite in inviting me to his house and introduced me to a Miss Mary Duncan. She noticed my name—Duncan—and made enquiries about my mother's family and told me something of hers. I remember she looked very like my mother and mother's sister Mary Duncan. I learned about the close of the War that she had married Judge Bradley, who was a widower when I met him in the summer of 1861.

I think I could be of service to you if we could locate Thomas Duncan 'in the land of cakes and ale,' and would be glad to follow up the stream of our blood to its source, even to the period and the place when and where the Highland chieftains stacked their arms and piled their shields around the standards of the invading Roman soldier Agricola at the foot of the Grampian Hills—conquered for the time, but never subdued, or to the banks of that quiet rivulet when Scotland's greatest hero and our greatest ancestor, Sir Walter Oliphant, stood side by side with Robert Bruce and made 'King Edward rue the day he came to Bannockburn.'

Sir Walter Oliphant married Elizabeth, the daughter of Robert Bruce.

I have a copy of the royal Charter in the original Saxon Latin for the marriage.

I have heard of a relative, S. D. Oliphant, in Mississippi, and I have met a distant cousin, Stephen Duncan of Natchez, Miss.

DUNCAN OLIPHANT."

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EXTRACT FROM LETTER OF DR. GATEWOOD

"Navy Department, Washington, D. C., Jan. 30, 1895.

Your letter to mother has been referred to me. It seems that you and mother bear the same kinship to the original Thomas Duncan. Ann, a daughter of Daniel, married Col. Robert Elliott, who had by a former marriage four children, and afterwards the widow of Col. Elliott married Col. Hughes.

Harriet Elliott married Stephen Duncan, whose father was Stephen, son of the emigrant. Their son James Fox Duncan became a Naval Officer and married a Norfolk girl, Virginia Stone; they were the parents of my mother.

Antes Snyder of Blairsville, Pa., is my cousin. I am a Naval officer and some day when sea-going has become 'a thing of the past' I hope to be able to construct a plan of the whole Duncan family and perhaps follow it into Scotland. It would help me very much to get the benefit of your work. Please believe I shall esteem it a great kindness and so will my mother if you will allow us to share any information on this subject that you may have.'

JAMES DUNCAN GATEWOOD, P. A. Surgeon U. S. Navy."

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EXTRACTS OF LETTERS OF COL. JESSE E. JACOBS

"Westminister Hotel, N. Y., Feb. 2, 1895.

My grand-father, Commodore Elliott, d. in Dec., 1845; b. 1782.

My great-grand-father Col. Robert Elliott was killed by the Indians along the Muskingham in Ohio during Gen. Wayne's campaign about 1794 as you state.

My grand-father was an honorary member of the Society Cincinnati, made so by resolution of the Maryland Commandery about 1815. His only son, Washington LaFayette Elliott was born



in 1824, was an officer of the U. S. Army from 1846, serving with honor from 2nd Lieut. to Major up to July 1861. He was promoted to the Colonelcy of the 2nd Iowa Volunteer Cavalry and commanded same at the capture of Island No. 10 in April, 1862 and in the operations of Halleck's about Corinth until promoted to Brigadier-General U. S. Vols. in Jan., 1862 for his successful conduct of the first cavalry raid of the war, behind Beauregard's army at Booneville, Miss.

On his application I was commissioned his As'st. Adj. Gen. by Pres. Lincoln and we were together from July 1862 to Dec. 1865 in commands he held of Divisions of the Army of the Potomac and Cumberland. He rose to the rank of Major Gen. of Volunteers and Brevet Brig.-Gen. U. S. A. and I from Captain to Colonel of U. S. Vols. and I was mustered out Sept. 1866 and have been in civil life since.

Gen. Elliott was retired after 30 years service in 1880 and died in June 1888. He was a thorough soldier and gentleman, of fine presence and engaging manner. At one time he commanded 4th Division of 35,000 men in the Cavalry Corps of the Army of the Cumberland.

My grand-father Elliott, as I have always understood, had half-brothers William and Wilson. William was in the British Army in the War of 1812, and his brother Wilson was in the American Army. William was born in Canada and was a subject of King George, and some members of their family were in the British Army in 1812-1815.

One of the immediate descendants of William Elliott, Mrs. Charles E. Anderson of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, was living a few years ago and her son Mr. Elliott Anderson of Ottawa who edits a paper either in Montreal or Toronto has corresponded with my sister and myself on the relationship of the Canadian branch of the family."

"Baltimore, Md., May 15, 1895.

As to aunts Mary and Ellen Duncan they were aunts of my grand-father, and my mother as a child was largely under their care and training. I remember them perfectly. Aunt Mary stout, dignified, with a fine face and commanding presence. Aunt Ellen delicate in appearance and physique and soon afterward a confirmed invalid.



The Campbells were residents of Chillicothe. Frank Campbell, the most prominent, being a leading and wealthy citizen.

The only living descendant of the Norfolk, Va., Duncans is Mrs. Robert Gatewood neé Harriet Duncan of that city.

I have the speech my grand-father made in Hagerstown."

"Sept. 18, 1895.

My grand-father's half-brother William Elliott who maintained his allegiance to Great Britain and his residence in Canada is the only William Elliott I have ever heard of and he was the son of Col. Robert Elliott by a different wife from Commodore Jesse Duncan Elliott."

"Baltimore, Md., March 14th, 1896.

The address of my aunt Mrs. Washington L. Elliott is 1827 Sacramento St., San Francisco, Cal. If you write her daughter, Miss Fanny Elliott, you will receive a reply.

J. E. JACOBS."

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#### EXTRACTS FROM LETTER OF FRANCES VAUGHAN ELLIOTT

"San Francisco Elliotts:

Robert Elliott m. Ann Duncan. Their son Jesse Duncan Elliott m. Frances Cann Vaughan. Their son Washington LaFayette Elliott m. Valeria Biddle Blaney, Aug. 26th, 1856, in Carlisle, Pa. Their children:

Frances Vaughan, Santa Monica, Cal.

George Blaney d. Jan. 7th, 1894.

Mary Biddle m. June 5th, 1895, Herbert George Ponting at San Francisco, California."

"San Francisco, Cal., May 10th, 1896.

There are two members of the Duncan family on this coast, Mary Duncan Parrott (wife of Louis B. Parrott) and a Mrs. Lee of Los Angeles. Have given you our immediate family names in full, as sent me of my brother's family.

FRANCES VAUGHAN ELLIOTT."

To Brevet Major General Washington LaFayette Elliott, U. S. Army, San Francisco, Calif.

"Navy Department, Washington, D. C., Feb. 24th, 1882.

"Sir :

"In reply to your letter of 16th inst., you are informed that the records show that Jesse D. Elliott and St. Clair (Sinclair) Elliott were both appointed Midshipmen in the Navy 2nd April, 1804. The former died 10th Dec., 1845, and the latter resigned as Midshipman 26th July, 1815.

Very respectfully,

Signed, JOHN W. HOGG,  
*Chief of Bureau."*

#### NOTES MADE BY GENERAL WASHINGTON LAFAYETTE ELLIOTT.

##### *Extracts from History of Elliott Family.*

"Robert Elliott was a son of John. His first wife was Miss Quigley, by whom he had sons Daniel Duncan, William, Wilson, daughter Patience. His second wife was Ann Duncan of Shippenburg, Pa. She had three children: St. Clair, who was in the Navy; Harriet, who married Stephen Duncan, and Jesse Duncan Elliott, who was in the War of 1812 as Captain commanding the *Niagara* in the battle of Lake Erie under the command of Com. Perry.

Jesse Duncan Elliott married Frances (Cann) Vaughn of Norfolk, Va., and had six children: Sarah Ann, Mary Duncan, Harriet Duncan, Catherine Howell, Washington LaFayette and Frances Rebecca.

Harriet Duncan (sister) of Com. Elliott, left six children: Ann Ellen, Mary Louisa, Lucy, James d. a Lieutenant in U. S. Navy, Jesse Elliott died a Midshipman, U. S. N., and Harriet. Two half-sisters of Commodore's mother (Mrs. Ellen and Miss Mary Duncan) lived in Carlisle, Pa. His half-sister, Patience, m. General Callender Irvine, Com. Gen'l of Purchases, U. S. A. Her only son, Dr. William Irvine, m. his cousin, Sarah Jane Duncan, daughter of Dr. Stephen Duncan of Natchez, Miss. They had

three children: a son Callender, Mary m. Thomas M. Biddle, and Sarah m. Dr. Newbold of Philadelphia.

Wilson Elliott, half-brother of Com. Elliott, late Col. in U. S. Army. He has a son Jesse D. Elliott living at New Philadelphia, Ohio."

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#### EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS OF JESSE D. ELLIOTT.

"New Philadelphia, Ohio, March 10, 1895.

Col. Robert Elliott, father of Commodore Elliott, was married twice. First wife —— Quigley, by whom he had children: Wilson, William, Daniel, John, Robert, and daughter Patience. She married General Irvine, Commandant at Fort Pitt. William fought on the side of the British."

"May 26, 1895.

My grandfather was Wilson Elliott. I have heard him say that William and Wilson and the Commodore were only half-brothers.

Col. Robert Elliott and his servant were both killed by the Indians and were buried side by side in the old cemetery of the Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1835 his son, Commodore Jesse D. Elliott, erected a monument at his grave with the inscription—"In memory of Robert Elliott, slain by a party of Indians while in the service of his country. Placed by his son, Commodore Jesse D. Elliott, U. S. N., 1835."

'Damon and Fidelity.'

JESSE D. ELLIOTT."

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#### CAME OF FAMOUS ANCESTORS.

*Interment of Mrs. Harriet Baker—A Canal Dover Lady Who Was a Descendant of the Elliotts Who Fought at Fort Meigs.*

*(Special to the Bee.)*

"Canal Dover, Ohio, Feb. 23.—Mrs. Harriet Elliott Baker, aged 80 years, mother of Charles F. and Jesse D. Baker, founders of the Exchange National Bank, and who died here Tuesday, was buried this afternoon. Mrs. Baker was descended from the 'Fight-



ing Elliotts'—three brothers who won their spurs in the War of 1812 by deeds of valor on the field. Her father was Wilson Elliott, who commanded an Ohio Company from Trumbull county and won a signal victory at Fort Meigs in the War 1812. William Elliott (Mrs. Baker's uncle), another of the brothers, emigrated to Canada and cast his fortunes with the British. It is a family legend often related by Mrs. Baker that this uncle and her father, both officers on opposite sides, engaged in a hand-to-hand conflict at Fort Meigs. Jesse D. Elliott, the third brother, was Commodore of Perry's fleet on Lake Erie and second in command. His ship coming into action at an opportune moment turned the tide of that memorable naval battle in Perry's favor. Commodore's son, Washington Elliott, was a Captain in the Mexican War and a Colonel in the regular Army during the rebellion. He presided at the Court Martial which tried 'Captain Jack' and his Modocs in 1873.

Mrs. Baker was the widow of Phillip Baker, the banker, who died in 1880. She leaves four children, two sons and two daughters, all of whom reside in Canal Dover. Her sons are Jesse D. and Charles Baker."

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#### EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS OF JANIE DUNCAN OLIPHANT.

"817 Huron St., Toledo, Ohio, Feb. 12th, 1895.

Commodore Jesse Duncan Elliott's father, Robert Elliott, married Ann Duncan, daughter of Daniel Duncan. Robert Elliott was killed by the Indians in Sept., 1794. His widow married Col. Daniel Hughes and is buried in Hagerstown.

Mamma's mother, Harriet Elliott, was a sister of the Commodore.

Mamma has often heard her aunts Ellen and Mary Duncan speak of her grand-mother Ann Duncan Elliott being their half-sister.

Mamma's father was Stephen Duncan and her mother Harriet Elliott. Grandparents on her mother's side were Robert Elliott and Ann Duncan and on her father's side Stephen Duncan and Ann Fox. She was a descendant of the English family of Fox.

Samuel Duncan and Elizabeth Creagh were not her grandparents, but were papa's. Mamma's father's brothers were Judge

Thomas Duncan, John, Robert (who married Ellen or Eleanor Duncan, daughter of Daniel Duncan), James, and one sister, Lucy, who married Judge Walker of Bedford, Pa.

Mamma knows nothing of William, Samuel, David and John, who were sons of Thomas the emigrant.

"Toledo, Ohio, 817 Huron St., April 12, 1895.

Mamma says she never heard her aunts Ellen and Mary speak of a brother Jesse, although it is a family name. She had a brother Jesse who died in the Navy quite young. She has a handsome miniature of him painted on ivory and set in gold.

She has been told that Ann Duncan was half-sister of Ellen and Mary Duncan.

Commodore Jesse Elliott's birth was not taken from Cooper's life of Commodore Elliott, but from Russell Jarvis. We have Cooper and Jarvis bound together.

Ann Duncan Elliott married a second time Col. Hughes and had a daughter, Rebecca Lux Hughes, who married Dr. Joseph Martin. She died in Hagerstown. Mother remembers her grandmother, Ann Duncan, well; also Rebecca has often visited them in her childhood.

Have you heard that Thomas Duncan the emigrant was related to Admiral Duncan, or that Ann Fox was related to Charles James Fox and Maid of Honor to an English Queen? These are traditions in our family."

"720 Stickney Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, Sept. 13th, 1895.

Mama is too weak to remember dates, etc. She does not know that Ann Duncan was the third wife of Colonel Daniel Hughes, but that he was an old man when she married him. She has heard aunt Mary Duncan speak of Dr. Stephen Duncan moving South before she (Mama) was married, which must have been sixty years ago. She thinks, with you, he went there before the Walkers. Mrs. Stearnes is Papa's youngest sister. Had you heard that uncle Jesse Duncan died six weeks ago, August 26th, 1895."

JANIE DUNCAN OLIPHANT.



## EXTRACTS FROM LETTER OF MRS. FRANCES E. WYETH.

“Laurel, Md., Feb. 14, 1895.

My mother was the daughter of Stephen Duncan and Harriet Elliott. My grandfather, Stephen Duncan, was the son of Stephen Duncan, Sr., and Ann Fox. Stephen Duncan, Sr., was the twin brother of Daniel.

My grand-mother was the daughter of Ann Duncan and Robert Elliott. I have always heard that my great-grand-father Elliott was killed by the Indians. His widow, Ann Duncan, married Col. Daniel Hughes of Hagerstown. My mother's sister, now Mrs. Oliphant of Toledo, Ohio, married a cousin of hers whose mother's maiden name was Jane Creagh Duncan.

J. Kennedy Duncan was of this family now living in Lincoln, Neb.

Francis Campbell of Chillicothe was a nephew of aunt Ellen's. My mother had a brother Jesse, a Naval officer who married and lived in Norfolk, Va.”

“Feb. 20, 1895.

I have found since my last letter that Daniel Duncan was aunt Ellen's father. In a little book of accounts I find this: ‘Money received from Casper Dull through David Meekins, Esq., for land sold by Ann Hughes, Ellen and Mary Duncan belonging to the estate of their father, the *late Daniel Duncan deceased*, which money was equally divided among them.’

Sarah, daughter of Daniel Duncan, married Francis Campbell and had children: Francis, Jr., Samuel, Mary Anne who married Charles Carson, Ellen married William McLure. There was another daughter named Peggy who d. s. p.

The children of Mary Ann Campbell and Charles Carson were John, Sarah, Laura (Mrs. Schmidt), Frank, and another daughter name not known to me, who died young.

The children of Ellen Campbell and William McLure were Sarah, Francis, Robert, Priscilla, William, Margaret, Frank, James. William and Frank are dead. All the others married except Margaret. Cousin Ellen who married McLure was a great favorite of my mother, aunt Ellen and cousin Mary Frances. Mr.



McLure was the guardian of my brothers and sisters after our mother died.

She died leaving four children, one a baby named Louisa Duncan McCullough. Aunt Mary came on to Wilmington, Del., and took the babe and myself to aunt Ellen's home where we lived until father married again. My sister Louisa died at fourteen. She is buried near aunts Ellen and Mary and cousin Mary Frances in the Duncan lot in Carlisle, Pa. My sister Ellen Mary married and lives in California. She has several children. Brother John Howard married and lives in St. Louis, no children, and I have none. I have also one half-brother and half-sister.

John Duncan, another of aunt Ellen's brothers lived in Shipensburg, had a daughter Margaret who married Mr. Buckingham. He had another daughter Mary Ellen who married Mr. Laird.

I have a brooch given me by my cousin Mary Frances Duncan. On it is engraved, 'John Duncan died 22nd June, 1793, aged thirty-seven years.' The pin is oval in shape and filled with hair. I think it was John Duncan, son of Stephen Duncan, Sr., who was killed in the duel."

"March 14, 1895.

Dr. Stephen Duncan was not aunt Mary's first cousin, but her second cousin. I still think he loved her. She seemed much younger than Aunt Ellen, full of fun and we children used to think her splendid and loved her very much. On the contrary, we stood in awe of aunt Ellen and dreaded to offend her.

At Kittanning stands the old Manor house of the Duncan family. I have heard it is now used as a glass house.

In the Duncan lot in Carlisle rest my dear aunts Ellen, aunt Mary and little sister Louie and aunt Ellen's daughter, cousin Mary Frances. There is a very high tombstone to Judge Thomas Duncan with a great deal of inscription; also one of his wife Martha Elizabeth, or Patty Callender and their daughter Martha, who died since the Civil War. There were several long, flat stones in the lot, but I do not know the names on them.

About fifteen miles above Harrisburg is a place called Duncan's Island, and a family of Duncans lived there.

The duel which was fought between John, son of Stephen Duncan, Sr., and Mr. Lamberton took place near Carlisle. When a little child 'old Lamberton,' as he was called, was pointed out to

me as he sat on his porch, a miserable looking person and I was afraid of him.

I have a little diamond-shape pin and inscribed on it is—J. Duncan, Oct. 16th, 1804, aged twenty-two years.' (This was Jesse, son of Daniel. He died in Natchez, Miss.—K. D. S.)

Mrs. Spangler of York (Fannie) was the youngest child of Commodore Elliott. I was named for Commodore Elliott's wife Frances and for aunt Snyder (Ann).

Stephen Duncan, Jr., and his family must have lived at Kitting, Armstrong Co., Pa., which place is on the Allegheny River, about thirty-five miles above Pittsburgh. There is where aunt Ellen's husband died and was buried.

I have heard that my grand-father and grand-mother Harriet Elliott died young of some sort of fever, leaving a family of young children, who, the most of them girls, boarded with aunt Ellen in Carlisle. My mother was one of them.

Aunt Ellen's husband, Robert Duncan, died quite young, leaving her with one child, Mary Frances, who died in 1890 at my house in Chambersburg."

"April 18, 1895.

I have on my bureau two little oil paintings which were done by Rebecca Hughes.

Once in Hagerstown I went to see the house great-grand-mother Hughes lived in. It is in the old part of the town.

I am sure aunt Ellen's husband, Robert Duncan, was buried in Armstrong County and I think my grand-father, Stephen Duncan, was also.

In the old Manor House we, the children of Mary Louisa Duncan, were left some rooms, but as far as I know, the matter was never enquired into and I suppose it would require a young fortune to do so now.

When my father married my mother he was a Presbyterian minister, a graduate of Dickinson College, in Carlisle. My aunts Ellen and Mary would pay them long visits when they lived in Ithaca, N. Y., where my father had large churches. After this he left the Presbyterian church and became an Episcopalian and remained one until he died. I do not think my aunts ever fully forgave him for leaving their church. My mother died soon after my



father came to his first Episcopal Charge in Wilmington, Del. (Trinity), leaving a family of little children.

Have you found where Daniel Duncan is buried? I remember being once in Shippensburg with cousin Ellen McLure and we walked out to a graveyard near Shippensburg and she was looking for the grave of her grand-father, Daniel Duncan, but according to my recollection she did not find the grave."

"May 27, 1895.

I think the eldest of the children of Commodore Elliott was Mary. She married Thomas Jacob. In her parlor when she lived in West Chester, Pa., there was a painting of Commodore Elliott and all his family. There were five daughters and one son. The daughters were Mary, who married Thomas Jacob, Harriet who married a Robinson of Boston, Katherine, or Kate, a very lovely girl who died just as she grew up. Sarah Ann, who died unmarried, and Fannie, Mrs. Spangler of York, General Washington L. Elliott, who died very suddenly some time ago in San Francisco, Cal.

The children of Col. Robert Elliott by a former wife were Robert who, Mr. Robert Carson says was blind at twenty, William and Wilson, also Patience. I have a dim recollection of being taken in Carlisle to see an aunt Patience Irvine, who gave me a tiny pair of kid gloves. I will ask aunt Haddy, for I think she was the one who took me. I know we had relatives named Irvine. It may be that aunt Patience was my grand-mother's (Harriet Elliott) half-sister."

"Oct. 9, 1895.

I found nothing in the box of papers relating to family matters. These related to land transactions, interest paid aunt Ellen, etc., of Robert Duncan. A copy of his will was in the box. He appointed his wife, Eleanor Duncan Executrix and his brother James of the borough of Carlisle and Samuel Duncan of Lewistown, Mifflin Co., Exrs. The latter did not act, but resigned 'all right and title 26th Sept., A. D., 1828.'

I wish you could see the portraits of aunt Ellen and cousin Mary Frances Duncan which my aunt Harriet Oliphant has in Toledo, Ohio."



“March 25, 1896.

I give the address of Mrs. Sarah Porter and Miss Margaret McLure, 228 South Broad Street, Philadelphia. Mrs. Porter is a very bright woman, several years older than Margaret. Both are children of Ellen Campbell, who married William McLure.

Mrs. Lou Schmidt has an older sister living in Harrisburg, who married an uncle of my husband.

Two of uncle Frank's sons by his first marriage are the celebrated chemists of Philadelphia.”

“July 11, 1896.

I have often been in the house where Judge Duncan lived when I was a child, both when his widow, aunt Duncan was living in it with her daughter, cousin Martha, and too, after the death of aunt Duncan when cousin Martha had Eliza Duncan, her niece, living with her. It was a lovely old house, large rooms and a middle hall. It is still standing, built of brick, white marble steps up to the front door, and to one side (attached to the house) was the law office. Another house on the same street is the house of my aunt Ellen. To my childish eyes nothing was so sweet and lovely as that house and garden, although not so pretentious looking as aunt Duncan's. To me it was the one house above all others. Now, when I am in Carlisle I pass it oh! so slowly and think of the dear faces that used to look out of the windows, and of all my childhood joys and sorrows. In the front room I lay for many days as one dead, the doctors giving up all hope and my father written to prepare for the worst. It pleased my Heavenly Father to spare me. An old servant of aunt Ellen (aunt Jenny) said: ‘If Miss Fannie had died she would have gone straight to Heaven sure.’ If she could know me now I fear she would not be quite so sure.

I think cousin Martha Duncan left cousin Eliza Duncan (daughter of her brother Stephen) most of her property or money. This family lives near Washington and you have heard from them.”

“Rockville, Md., Nov. 2, 1897.

In September Margaret McLure came here to board for a month and I got from her some matters of family history. She

is the daughter of Ellen Campbell, whose mother was Sarah Duncan, the daughter of Daniel Duncan.

Cousin Margaret McLure gave me the names of the children of Sarah Duncan and Francis Campbell, viz.: Francis, Samuel, Daniel, Mary Ann, Ellen, James, Ebenezer. Francis unmarried. Daniel died young. Mary Ann married her first cousin, Charles Carson. Ellen married William McLure. James married a Miss Drake and had three children.

Nellie Duncan Campbell, the daughter of James, married Mr. Bridgeman of Stamford, Conn. Samuel died unmarried.

I sent you a notice recently from a Washington paper concerning the Hannegan family; Margaret, daughter of Joseph Duncan, married Senator Hannegan of Indiana. I thought you might write Mr. Duncan Hannegan and he might give you some items of interest about the descendants of Joseph Duncan."

"March 31, 1898.

Sad news to tell you. Aunt 'Haddie,' as we called her, Mrs. John Oliphant, died 26th Jan., 1898, just one year after her husband died. She was the last of the Duncan family on our side with the exception of cousin Harriet Gatewood, now living in Norfolk, Va. She is my first cousin, as her father was my mother's brother, James Duncan. Aunt Harriet Oliphant was mother's youngest sister and her name was Harriet Amelia Duncan. Was named Harriet for her mother who, you know was Harriet Elliott and who married Stephen Duncan, Jr.

Aunt Harriet was buried by her husband and her daughter Mary at Uniontown, Fayette Co., Pa.

I had a lovely visit to my half-sister in Wilmington, Del.

I visited my mother's grave at 'The old Swedes Church.'

FRANCES A. WYETH."

## EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS OF MRS. PYCHOWSKA.

"76 Hudson St., Hoboken, N. J.

March 3rd, 1895.

So you have found through the Genealogical Society of Philadelphia that our emigrant ancestor was Thomas Duncan. The



various Duncans have been in doubt about the matter. Judge Thomas Duncan was the son of Stephen who was the son of the emigrant.

Judge Thomas Duncan lived in Carlisle and my grand-father Judge Jonathan Hoge Walker studied law in his office and afterward married his daughter, Lucy Duncan.

The only tradition I have heard concerning the Scottish home of the Duncans is, the original pair was not deserted by the family 'Banshee' when they came over which duly shrieked when years after John (son of Stephen) was killed in a duel; also he was related to Admiral Duncan who defeated the British fleet off Camperdown on the Netherlands in the time of the French Revolution; also that there was abundance of money in possession of the early settlers, as Stephen Duncan of Carlisle gave big doweries to his daughters.

I know that when my grand-mother Lucy Duncan married Jonathan Hoge Walker she brought as dower a bag of gold which my grand-father invested in a stone mill on the Susquehanna river and the spring flood came and the mill and the dower went down the raging river together.

I am glad to learn of Daniel Duncan, as his personality clears up some doubtful points. I really only know about Stephen Duncan's descendants, Judge Thomas Duncan, the Chambers, the Washington City Duncans, John Duncan's people, a big tribe, including Dr. Stephen Duncan of Mississippi, his descendants, the Minors of Louisiana, Gustines and Leveriches of New York.

One of Stephen Duncan's daughters is said to have married a son of Richard Henry Lee of Virginia.

There were Walker and Duncan relics in the house in Pittsburgh which my grand-father closed when he went, already ill, to Natchez, Miss., and where he eventually died. His sons Duncan Stephen and Robert J. Walker were already settled there and his wife and two unmarried daughters had gone to New York to visit the married daughter, Mrs. McElroy. On the death of the head of the family the Pittsburgh house furniture was sold and a barrel of family papers was destroyed or never could be found."

"March 15, 1895.

Your letters tell their own story, in addition to which a little bird from afar has whispered in our ears—'a most interesting and



charming person is Mrs. Kate Duncan Smith.' How could it be otherwise? Are not all Scotch folks clannish and are not the Duncans most clannish, so that the Duncans of times past thought no one suitable to marry except one of their own cousins.

Have had letters from Antes Snyder, Mrs. Wyeth, Mrs. Spangler and our cousin Mrs. Leverich of New York. She is descended from John Duncan, son of Stephen and is niece of late Dr. Stephen Duncan of Natchez, Miss.

There is also in New York Mrs. James Moir, eldest daughter of Marianne Walker, my mother's oldest sister, first Mrs. Poyntell and then Mrs. McElroy. My only child, Martha Marianne Pychowska entered the convent of St. Dominican at Newark, N. J., about six years ago, and I have been going there frequently to see her when I met a lady who spoke of Western Pennsylvania, etc. I found she was Mrs. Spangler, a daughter of Commodore Jesse Duncan Elliott and sister of General Washington Elliott. Mrs. Spangler had come to the convent to see her blind daughter—'Sister Mary of the Angels,' also a nun and a very sweet looking young girl.

Mrs. Spangler and her daughter and my mother, Mrs. Martha C. Duncan Cook and myself were converts to the Catholic faith descended from good Presbyterian Huguenot ancestors."

"Oct. 20, 1895.

Do not know how we are related to the Louisville, Ky., Duncans. I was only nine years old when I visited them with my parents. I think you have done wonders on the definite results of your investigations."

"Feb. 2nd, 1896.

Last Friday I went to Jersey City to call on Mrs. Spangler. She has been very ill. She spoke of death—had no fear of it, etc. I said to her: 'Are you not the daughter of a hero?' Her face lighted up and she smiled as she said: 'Well, probably my father did not feel fear when he stood on the deck of the *Niagara*, his hat riddled with bullets.' She had before shown me a piece of the flag that had floated over the deck of the *Niagara*, itself riddled with holes.

I have tried to get a copy of Fennimore Cooper's *Battle of Lake Erie*, the only true (as far as I know) account of the famous

Naval encounter, but it is out of print, and thereby hangs a curious tale that has been repeated in our Duncan annals more than once. The received story of the battle failed to note young Elliott's heroism in connection with the fight, but when Cooper wrote his *History of the American Navy* he, who knew the facts, did not fail to detail them. Perry was the idol of his own section of the country and bitter feeling was aroused especially in Rhode Island by Cooper's narrative. If you have Lounsbury's *Life of James Fennimore Cooper* you can read the whole story.

Mrs. Spangler said that her father, at his own request, was buried under the flag-staff at the Philadelphia Navy Yard where he died and other officers were buried near by. Later, the city surrounding the yard wished a change made and with the consent of Mrs. Elliott the bodies were removed to St. Moriah Cemetery, Philadelphia, where the graves have always been well cared for until the present time.

I had always fancied that the Duncans had been of the Stuart following in Scotland and have heard that for some reason they were entitled to wear the regal plaid—I think the Robertson or Stuart."

"March 7, 1896.

The only John Duncan I knew of was the brother of my grand-mother, Lucy Duncan Walker, who was killed in a duel leaving a widow and several children among them Dr. Stephen Duncan of Natchez, Miss.

As to John Duncan (father of Dr. Stephen Duncan) descent has been furnished me in extenso by Miss Marian Bradford, granddaughter of my cousin Mrs. Matilda Duncan Gustine Leverich, of New York, who is, herself, grand-daughter of the said John Duncan.

My dear cousin, General William J. Walker, was my playmate in childhood. He was a brilliant young officer in the Mexican War. Married the beautiful daughter of the old Spanish gentleman, General Hernandez of Florida. He later distinguished himself as a gallant General fighting for the Confederacy, lost a leg and had his right arm paralyzed in one of the battles around Richmond."



"April 20, 1896.

My grand-mother, Lucy Duncan Walker was a strict Presbyterian of the Cumberland valley type. Her husband, Judge J.-H. Walker was, I presume, of similar descent through his forebears the Hoges, the Welsh Davises, but early in life he fell under the influence of Dr. Priestly, the Unitarian scientist whose dwelling was near his own in Northumberland Co., Pa.

When my grand-parents married, my grand-father gave a promise that he would never interfere in the religious training of the children, so the little ones learned the Westminster (smaller) catechism by heart.

When my grand-mother Walker was in Natchez, Miss., John Newland Maffitt was attracting great numbers of good people to the Methodist church communion. Grand-mother was greatly moved by his preaching. She said it supplied a want in her heart which she had long felt and she joined the Methodist Church South. She died a Methodist and is buried in the Methodist cemetery in Bordentown, N. J. My grand-father Cook was of English descent and had, I think up to a few years of his death, never been christened. His wife, Margaret Perrine, was of French Huguenot descent and naturally was a Presbyterian. The same trouble as with my mother arose in regard to my father, but he remained unbaptized until he received the sacrament at Catholic hands on the last day of his life.

Late in life my Cook grand-parents both entered the Methodist communion as very fervent members."

LUCIA D. PYCHOWSKA.

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#### EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS OF ANTES SNYDER.

"Penna. R. R. Company, Office of Right of Way,  
Penna. R. R. Division, Antes Snyder, Engineer.

Blairsville, Penna., March 5th, 1895.

My information is that Rebecca Hughes was a daughter of Robert Elliott's widow and that Ann Duncan was only half-sister of Ellen and Mary Duncan.

I have the address of Mrs. A. M. Sutton, No. 3511 Hamilton Street, Philadelphia, who is a descendant of the Duncans through



the Mahons. She has visited England and has seen the monument of Lord Admiral Duncan in St. Paul's and the Fox Mansion at Stonebury Hill.

I think Mrs. Wyeth's memorandum established the fact that Ann Duncan was a daughter of Daniel.

I do not know whether the Duncans came directly from Scotland or from Ireland. Have failed to find a Thomas Duncan among the list of immigrants landing at Philadelphia, Pa."

"Dec. 6th, 1895.

I send you herewith a small photo of the monument erected to Robert Elliott by his son Commodore Jesse Duncan Elliott. It is in the graveyard of the Presbyterian church in Cincinnati. My nephew spent much time in tracing the various removals. The picture is not very satisfactory, but it may interest you. The glass plate covering the scalp of Col. Robert Elliott was gone excepting a small piece in one of the corners of the recess in the stone. Since writing you last my sister has come home from Missouri and she shows me a miniature given her by our mother who said it was the picture of Daniel Duncan Elliott, a son of Col. Robert Elliott by his first wife and brother of Patience Elliott.

Col. Elliott was a great friend of Daniel Duncan in his young days and named a son for Daniel Duncan. Daniel Duncan sent his daughter Ann with his old friend Robert Elliott to boarding school in Philadelphia and instead of taking her there he married her. My sister remembers hearing our mother speak of the great kindness the step-sons showed their young step-mother."

ANTES SNYDER.

#### EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS OF ROBERT D. CARSON.

"Zoological Garden, Philadelphia, Pa., March 18, 1895.

Daniel Duncan, son of Thomas Duncan, b. 1729; d. Dec., 1790 at Shippensburg, Pa. He m. first, —, and had Anne, who married Col. Robert Elliott, who was said to have had two sons, viz.: Wilson and William Elliott. Daniel Duncan, m. second, Diana Jacob, and had children:—

1. Joseph Duncan, m. Ruth Rippey.

2. Sarah Duncan, m. Francis Campbell.
3. Arnold Duncan, m. Patty Patterson.
4. Samuel Duncan, m. Elizabeth Creagh.
5. John Duncan, m. first, Catherine Redat. Married second, Elizabeth Hunt.
6. Jesse Duncan, d. unmarried.
7. Eleanor Duncan, m. March 28, 1805, Robert Duncan, her cousin, son of Stephen Duncan, her father's twin brother. She and her husband were first cousins. Have verified this. I would like to have a copy of the will of Thomas Duncan."

"March 29, 1895.

Glad Mrs. Sutton sent you my letter. The tradition that our Duncan family is related to that of Admiral Duncan obtains and I am trying to trace it.

The names Ann and Nancy were interchangeable. Daniel Duncan had a daughter Ann or Nancy and his twin brother Stephen also had a daughter called by both names.

The marriage of Robert Elliott and Ann Duncan took place in First Baptist Church of Philadelphia.

I send you a chart I have made and all that is marked with red ink is authentic. There was a double marriage. Ann Duncan and Robert Elliott and their daughter Harriet Elliott married Stephen Duncan who was son of Stephen and first cousin of Harriet Elliott's mother, Ann Duncan.

I refer you to Mrs. John Oliphant of Toledo, Ohio, Ann Duncan Elliott was her grand-mother. I am sure of the year of the birth of Daniel Duncan. The age and date of death of his twin brother Stephen are engraved on a mourning ring which formerly belonged to Judge Thomas Duncan who was a son of Stephen.

There is satisfaction in getting one's hands on something tangible even if it is in the form of a mourning ring, will, or tombstone inscription."

"April 25, 1895.

My great-grand-father married the daughter of Stephen, son of Thomas Duncan. I am greatly interested in getting all I can of the six sons of Thomas Duncan and their children and am leaving the more recent generations to those more directly interested.



Judge Thomas Duncan, son of Stephen was beyond question, born in this country. I first learned that Daniel and Stephen were twins from a paper Mrs. Schmidt obtained from Dr. Egle, I think, and it was afterward stated in a letter to Mrs. Sutton and also by Mrs. John Oliphant. I will look up the deed to Stephen Duncan which, you say, is in the Historical Society.

I have an account of the duel between John Duncan and General James Lamberton. Duncan's second was Col. James Blaine, he had been his 'best man' and he afterward married his widow.

Dr. William H. Egle wrote me he is collecting Duncan material for a second volume of his *Pennsylvania Families*.

I think I made an error in the record I sent relating to the parentage of the Stephen Duncan who married Harriet Elliott. Stephen Duncan and Ann Fox had a son Stephen who I have been informed married Miss Elliott. I think Antes Snyder knows.

Please tell me who has said the Duncans were from Aberdeenshire?

I think Stephen Duncan of Natchez, Miss., is more likely to be correct."

"May 12, 1895.

Thank you so much for the information you sent me. My great-grand-mother was the daughter and possibly the oldest child of Stephen Duncan of Carlisle, Pa. The entry of her marriage to John Carson is in the Family Bible. The signature to her will and in her father's will was *Margaret*.

Judge Thomas Duncan was a very distinguished lawyer in Pennsylvania. Robert J. Walker was a grand-son of Judge Duncan through his daughter Lucy who married Judge Jonathan Hoge Walker.

Of all the letters I have received on genealogical matters yours have been the most satisfactory.

Stephen Duncan certainly had nine children. I never heard that James Duncan left children. I was glad to hear that Stephen Duncan of Natchez is of the opinion that our Duncans are of the same stock as Admiral Lord Adam Duncan—this has come from many sources.

I looked up Daniel Duncan in the Law Library and send you the result. There are a number of points, including the date of the death of his wife, Jan. 4, 1791, and the name of her oldest son.



Mrs. Schmidt is going abroad again and Mrs. Sutton will go about the middle of June."

"June 27, 1895.

I am sure that more of the Duncan relations can get more information from you than they can give in return. I called on Mrs. Sutton an evening ago. She asked me to write you to pardon her not writing you, she has been ill. She is a lovely woman in every way. She is doubly connected with the Duncans, being a grand-daughter of Judge Thomas Duncan and Ann Duncan who married Rev. Samuel Mahon. She was Miss Mahon, is a widow, and for many years has had a not pretentious, but select school for girls.

I called on Mr. Leach, he is much interested in the Duncans. He did not know until I told him that Judge Duncan was one of the first elected Vice-Presidents of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and that another Duncan was one of the prominent men who organized the same Society.

It was James Blaine, grand-father of James G. Blaine, who was John Duncan's second and it was James who was his 'best man.' "

"July 23, 1895.

Ann or Nancy Duncan and Col. Robert Elliott were married in First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, March 16, 1781. Their daughter became the wife of Stephen Duncan, being married in the First Presbyterian Church in Carlisle, Nov. 16, 1802. I have two records which agree that the son of Harriet Elliott and Stephen Duncan was Robert who was in the Navy and I think he is the Robert Duncan who died Aug. 22nd, 1820, mentioned in the record of Mrs. Spangler—"Duncan, Robert E., Midshipman July 4, 1817. May 20, 1818, ordered to report to Captain Jesse Duncan Elliott for duty at Norfolk, Va. (dead)." This surely must be the Robert E. Duncan who died Aug. 22, 1820, and as Stephen Duncan had a son Robert in the Navy it is reasonable to conclude this was he.

Mrs. Harriet Duncan Oliphant, 817 Huron Street, Toledo, Ohio, was the daughter of Stephen Duncan and Harriet Elliott and sister of the Robert Duncan who is said to have been in the Navy."

“Aug. 22, 1895.

I see nothing improbable in Thomas Duncan living to be ninety years old. We know he was an old man when he died—at that time he had been married more than fifty years. I think his marriage occurred between 1720-1725. Although not direct evidence it is significant that Thomas Duncan named his first child William—the name borne by his father and grand-father. (This refers to the tradition that Thomas Duncan was a son of William who came to Virginia and afterward went to Pennsylvania.—K. D. S.)

Stephen Duncan named his first son for his father (Thomas), and his first child Margaret, which on the same presumption was the name of his paternal grand-mother. Both Thomas Duncan and his presumptive father we credit with having had twins.

It is not strange that the name of Thomas Duncan is not on the list of immigrants arriving at Philadelphia. No systematic record was kept of the immigrants from Great Britain, while very careful records were kept of all who came from foreign countries. Where almost by chance one list of British emigrants has been preserved there are hundreds containing names, occupations, etc., and often the ages and former business of those coming from Germany, Holland, France, etc.

I was struck with the name of Rev. William Duncan's wife, Susan Haldane. The mother of Adam Duncan (Earl of Camperdown) was Helen Haldane, one authority gives it Helen Holdane. Does this not suggest that Susan Haldane who married William Duncan in 1657 was one of the same stock as Helen Haldane who married Alexander Duncan in 1728 and from whom sprang Admiral Lord Duncan? The Haldane family is one of the oldest in the United Kingdom tracing back through Duncan Earl of Lennox (the last who I think died in 1424) to Baron Haldane who in the last decade of the 13th century swore allegiance to Edward I. Through this line came Helen Haldane.”

“Nov. 11th, 1895.

I have long heard that Robert J. Walker had a clear record of his Duncan ancestry, but all his family papers were destroyed by fire in his residence in Washington, D. C.

ROBERT DUNCAN CARSON.”

(He died Feb. 19th, 1920.—K. D. S.)



EXTRACT FROM LETTER OF MRS. MALTBY GILSON  
LANE.

"453 East Brigham Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Sept. 29th, 1895.

Your letter of September 13th forwarded here and I find from it that your grand-father Arnold Duncan and my grand-father Joseph Duncan were brothers.

I am the only survivor of my immediate family. My father, Daniel Duncan, son of Joseph Duncan and Ruth Rippey, was born in Shippensburg, Pa., July 22nd, 1803. He went to Ohio at an early age with his cousins Francis and Samuel Campbell.

The Campbells settled in Chillicothe, Ohio, and died there. Francis never married and left at his death a very large estate.

My father was in Lancaster, Ohio, with his uncle, General Macracken, but returned to Pennsylvania and completed his education and settled finally in Newark, Ohio. He was a lawyer and an old Whig politician, serving his District in State Legislature and Congress and died in Washington during one of his terms, May 18th, 1849, while he was in Congress. His brother-in-law, Edward A. Hannegan, who married Margaret Duncan, my aunt, was a Senator from Indiana.

I was only eight years old when my father died, but have most charming recollections of my much loved and handsome father and our beautiful home at Newark.

After the death of my father we removed to Zanesville, Ohio, my mother's old home. She was Mary Munro Converse, daughter of Col. Daniel Converse, one of the pioneers of Ohio and an historical character in the history of that State.

My mother died in 1856, and we were four children. Ellen, myself, Mary, Charles and Alice left to the guardianship of our uncles General Charles B. Goddard and Judge Charles Converse, we were educated there and I, Ellen Duncan, married Jan. 11th, 1860, Mr. William Cary Graham of New Orleans. Mary married Judge John A. Hunter of Ohio. Charles Converse Duncan married Sarah Talmadge Effinger of Ohio. Alice Goddard Duncan married Frank L. Church of Illinois. All have passed away. I am visiting my niece and name-sake, Ellen Duncan Robertson, daughter and only child of my sister Mary. From her infancy she has been my care and I feel is as dear to me as a daughter. She



married an Englishman, Casper Ludovic Von N. Robertson. She has two sons, Duncan Hope and Howard Worley Robertson. Her father, Judge Hunter, was Chief Justice of this Territory and died here in 1887.

I will write from memory all of interest to you when I return to Washington and will send you many old records.

My cousin, Selman Hannegan, only son of Senator Hannegan, and Margaret Duncan, is there and has many interesting reminiscences of the Duncan family. He is older than I and remembers more of the family.

I hope we may meet and enjoy talking of our honored ancestors. I am so much from home since the death of my second husband, Mr. Maltby Gilson Lane, of New York. I have lived abroad, traveling most of the time, but I feel now that I may be permanently located in Washington. You may reply to me here, for I will not return East for sometime.

While in Naples last year I met Mrs. Vorhees and other members of the Kentucky branch of the Duncan family. We were also together in Paris and I had with me my nephew, Daniel Duncan, the last of the name in my branch of the succession.

It will give me great pleasure to hear from you and to learn all you can find out about our ancestors. Do write me of yourself and your immediate family.

(Cousin) ELLEN DUNCAN LANE.

P. S.—The Duncans are related to the Oliphants somewhere in our branch. There is a Duncan Oliphant who claims to be a cousin. They are also related to General Robert J. Walker. Duncan Walker, his son, says he is related and I have a letter from my father describing a dinner party he attended at Secretary Walker's in Washington and seeing the children, Ellen Duncan Walker and Duncan Walker."

## EXTRACTS FROM LETTER OF MISS AGNES IRWIN MAHON.

“Wayne, Dolphin Co., Pa., April 14, 1896. -

My father's mother was Ann Duncan. She married Rev. Samuel Mahon and had three children, one daughter and two sons. The daughter Mary was, I think the eldest and was born about 1794. My father John Duncan Mahon was born, I think, about 1796. My aunt Mary married Richard Henry Lee, a grand-son of Richard Henry Lee of Revolutionary fame. She died young leaving four daughters. My father married first his cousin Mary Duncan a daughter of Judge Thomas Duncan of Carlisle. Judge Duncan was a brother of my grand-mother. Mary Duncan Mahon died leaving four children. 1. Ann Mahon; 2. Thomas Duncan Mahon; 3. Martha Callender Mahon; 4. John Duncan Mahon. My father married his second wife, Agnes Mary Rose, widow of Lieut. William Rose, her maiden name was Agnes Mary Irwin, and of this marriage there were six children: 1. Agnes Irwin Mahon; 2. Irwin Mahon; 3. Frances Evallyn Mahon; 4. James Duncan Mahon; 5. Mary Lee Mahon; 6. Sophie Irwin Mahon. My father and mother married in 1833. He died in 1861 in Pittsburgh where he lived in the old home, 'Erin Hill,' which my grandfather Irwin left my mother. My father was a celebrated lawyer. Some four years after his death we moved to Philadelphia, where in 1866 my sister Frances Evallyn died, and in January, 1872, my brother James Duncan Mahon died. He was a lawyer. My sister married Francis Lightfoot Lee, a son of my uncle Richard by a second marriage. My brother Irwin Mahon married first Jennie Mahon, a second cousin; she died leaving two daughters and he married second time Maria Stevenson and they live in Denver, Colorado. My sister Sophie is single and lives in Washington, D. C. I, too, never married and live here where my mother died about 11 years ago, January 15, 1889, at the age of 84. My half-sister Annie is a widow. She married Thomas Sutton who died many years ago. She is living in West Philadelphia, 3611 Hamilton Street, where she has a very prosperous school. Martha Callender Mahon, my other half-sister, married my cousin, Dr. John Scull Irwin and lives at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

AGNES IRWIN MAHON.”



## EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS OF MARTHA C. IRWIN.

"241 West Main Street,  
Fort Wayne, Ind., April 24, 1896.

Your letter containing circular received. I find I have so little information to give. I wrote my cousin Mrs. Rose of Carlisle to see if I could ascertain certainly the name of a great-grandfather but her answer has not arrived and I determined to give you the benefit of all the knowledge I have of family history. In your letter you state my great-grandfather died in Carlisle so I presume he is buried in the family lot. I know we are relations of Ann Fox but do not think in direct line and have wanted to verify the matter. The *History of Pennsylvania* contains a short account of my grand-father known as 'Honest Judge Duncan.' I was told years ago by my father's mother that we descend from Admiral Duncan of English fame. My sister Ann saw his monument, I think, in Westminster Abbey. She has my father's Bible but I do not know how far back the records go. I will as soon as possible copy for you the obituary notices of my grand-father and grand-mother Duncan. She was the daughter of Colonel Robert Callender of Colonial fame. You will see from the family record that my father and mother were full cousins. My husband and I have had 8 children, 3 of whom are now living."

"July 13, 1896.

I have been so occupied I have had neither time or thought to answer your letter of May 9th. In the meantime my husband has copied the obituaries of which I wrote you and I enclose these. I regret more than I can say that my contribution to family history is so meagre. I am greatly interested but know much less than I should. The cousin of whom I wrote you is Mrs. Mary L. Rose. She too, comes from an old family in Carlisle. She was a Miss Watts, one of the descendants of the Postlethwaites. She is much interested in the genealogy of the Irwins and Duncans. Mrs. Rose, Sr., is the daughter of my father's brother David N. Mahon and as our grand-mother Mahon was grand-father Duncan's sister she is also a Duncan by descent and one of whom I am very fond. Mary's children and mine are doubly connected and the frequent inter-marriages in the family make it difficult to trace the relationship. She tells me her half-brother Montgomery has been in corres-



pondence with and I do not doubt has given you all the information he has of the family.

MARTHA C. IRWIN."

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EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS OF AUG. DUNCAN.

"Falling Spring Place, Chambersburg, Pa., March 11, 1895.

Yours received and read with much pleasure. John G. Ford, 713 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, I think can give you a correct record of Seth Duncan's family. He is a great-grand-son of Seth. He can also give the address of his uncle James Duncan. J. A. Duncan of Pittsburgh is Internal Revenue Collector and can give you much information. His grand-father I think was Judge Thomas Duncan.

About 45 years ago there fell into my possession the old Family Bible of Seth Duncan, published in Edinburgh and if I remember right in 1726. In it were recorded the names of his father, brother and his immediate family. It was a very extensive record, but I remember so little of it I will not attempt to state it as I might get it wrong. It was destroyed in the burning of Chambersburg in 1863. The date of publication of the Bible would to some extent fix the time he emigrated to this country. I had evidence of his being in Abbottstown then Lancaster Co., now Adams Co., in 1741.

He was buried in a grave-yard in that town, and possibly if there is a gravestone over his grave it might give some information.

It is probable if not possible that your ancestor sprang from the brother of Seth Duncan.

General William Duncan who died in Philadelphia about 1885 near 100 years of age was a son of Seth by the first wife and my father was the youngest by the second wife.

Father died in 1840, leaving eight children. I am the only one living."

"May 4, 1895.

I have not heard from Abbottstown in regard to the tomb of Seth Duncan. My nephew of Chambersburg tells me that in the cemetery there is the tomb of one Thomas Duncan who died in 1849 aged 91 years and who came from near Shippensburg.

Should you visit our valley would like you to call at my place on my nephew at Chambersburg, and should you go to Shippensburg call on Mr. Griffin, an octogenarian. I am told he has much information."

"Chambersburg, Pa., Oct. 29, 1896.

Enclosed find a letter of my nephew Charles S. Duncan. I requested him to make thorough search of graves at Abbottstown. He has failed to find the grave of my grand-father Seth Duncan or any of his brothers and sisters. The tombs are unmarked or he was unable to find them.

Christina Bedinger or Bettinger was my gr. grand-mother, the mother of my grand-mother Christina Duncan whose children by Seth Duncan were John, Mary and my father, Adam S. E. Duncan and of whom I am the only one living of the children of Adam Seth Enos and Christina Duncan.

AUG. DUNCAN."

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LETTER FROM MRS. ANNE HEPBURN WATTS CONCERNING THE STATEMENT THAT JUDGE THOMAS DUNCAN WAS A SON OF A SCOTCH EMIGRANT.

"Thomas Duncan—father.

William Duncan—son.

Stephen Duncan—son. On tax list of Cumberland Co., Pa., 1753.

These have recently been found among old papers parts of tax lists of Cumberland Co., Pa., long lost, among them a part of Hopewell township assessment for 1753. The above Duncans are on the list.

The Bench and Bar of Philadelphia.

Published in History of Philadelphia, Scharf & Westcott, 1882.

"Thomas Duncan appointed to the Supreme Court in 1817; was born in Carlisle, Pa., son of Scotch emigrant." Judge Duncan moved to Philadelphia after his appointment and lived there until his death in 1827. In 'History Bench and Bar,' by Thompson Westcott, Esq., who, the editors say began to collect for his

work more than thirty years before it was published in 1882. In his Preface he gives names of several old Philadelphia lawyers as authorities and assistants in his work. The sketches of the Supreme Judges are short. That of Judge Gibson appears fuller of family details and appears to have been given by the Judge himself. Gibson lived until 1859 or 1860. He was an associate on the Bench of Duncan—both Duncan and Gibson were from Carlisle and Duncan's wife was a cousin of Gibson.

Gibson was without doubt one of Westcott's authorities in the sketch of Judge Thomas Duncan, giving his parentage, 'the son of a Scotch emigrant.'

From 'The Lives of Eminent Philadelphians Now Deceased.' Collected from original and authentic sources, by Henry Simpson, Philadelphia, 1859."

The late Judge Thomas Duncan of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania was a native of Carlisle, Pa. His father came from Scotland and was one of the first settlers of Cumberland Co., Pa.

He was educated under Dr. Ramsey the Historian and studied law in Lancaster County under Judge Yeats, etc. Removed to Philadelphia where he resided until his death, 16th Nov., 1827.

The above sketch is fuller in detail as though given by one who knew.

I have just made abstracts. Thompson and Westcott were accepted in those early days as absolutely reliable authorities. Information as to Judge Duncan's parentage was easily obtained when these articles were written. Judge Gibson was living a greater part of his time in Philadelphia, an Associate on the Supreme Bench and a relative by marriage. Judge Duncan's widow and one daughter were living in Carlisle, also Mrs. Ellen Duncan, his cousin. The widow and cousin died when I was a child, but I remember them well. The daughter, Miss Martha, died in one of the early years of the War.

ANN HEPBURN WATTS."

"Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 17, 1906.

Dear Mrs. Smith:

The eldest son of Thomas Duncan, father of Daniel, was William. He did not have a son Thomas. Knowing the custom of calling children for the parents of their fathers and mothers we



can fairly assume that the father of Thomas was William.

Thomas and William Duncan took up land June, 1762. Daniel—250 acres, June, 1763.

Thomas Duncan's name is on the earliest lists of Cumberland Co., also his son Daniel.

ANN HEPBURN WATTS."

P. S.: There was an abstract of a will which struck me—Henry Arnold of New York, merchant. Executors. Wife Sarah Arnold and Thomas Duncan. Will signed Dec., 1750. Could Thomas Duncan of Cumberland been in New York or was his family connected with this Arnold?

ANNE HEPBURN WATTS.

"112 Thirleston Road, Edinburgh, Nov. 2, 1896.

Dear Madam:

Your letter to the Register General has been handed me, as the Department does not make searches. Your enquiry as to the Duncan family seems feasible enough and it is not improbable that some, if not all, of the points of enquiry may be cleared up. The Register of the city of Perth are extant early enough and so are the registers of some of the other parishes in the county. Dundee is, however, more likely to have the Duncans who became Earls of Camperdown. Dumfries can also be searched from 1605 upwards.

W. MACLEOD."

"Department of the Assembly, W. A. Duncan, Sec'ty.

Chatauqua, N. Y., November 9, 1897.

I am very much interested in your letter of Sept. 17th in regard to the family of Duncan. Did you ever think of tracing your family to the old family of Duncan in Scotland who for so many years reigned on the throne of Scotland, out of which Robert Bruce and many other noted men came and which has been the only reigning house that Scotland ever had and which is to-day represented in the line of Queen Victoria and other reigning

families? Very possibly your family cannot be traced that far back, but it might be worth trying.

Very truly yours,

W. A. DUNCAN."

"Boston, Mass., December 23, 1897.

The Duncans are the royal house of Scotland. For 800 years no other house has ruled in Scotland since about 1000. King Duncan in Shakespere's *Macbeth* was the kingly head. No murder ever occurred as Shakespere mentions. Conmore was King Duncan's son—ruled in Scotland after overthrowing Macbeth at Lumphannan—my father's birth-place, and married Margaret, daughter of King Harold who was slain at Hastings. Bruce's daughter Margaret was given in marriage to the High Steward of Scotland for bravery at Bannockburn and out of their issue came all the Stewart kings of Scotland and England. All the Abbey churches like Melrose, Dryburgh, Holyrood Palace, Margaret's Chapel at Edinburgh, etc., were built by Duncan kings and queens. It is a noble family in Scottish history. It has no clan, no plaid or tartan. It was for centuries the royal house of Scotland. I think you are on the right track through the Edinburgh Consul.

W. A. DUNCAN."

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## OLD IRONSIDES ON A LEE SHORE.

*By An Eye Witness.*

It was at the close of a stormy day in the year 1835, when the gallant frigate *Constitution*, under the command of Captain Eliott, having on board the late Edward Livingston, Minister at the Court of France, and his family, and manned by nearly five hundred souls, drew near the "Chops" of the English Channel. For four days she had been beating down from Plymouth and on the fifth, at evening, she made her last tack from the French coast.

The watch was set at 8 P. M. The Captain came on deck soon after, and having ascertained the bearing of Sicily gave orders to keep the ship "full and bye," remarking at the same time to the officer of the deck that he might make the light on the lee beam, but he stated he thought it more than probable he would pass



it without seeing it. He then "turned in" as did most of the idlers and the starboard watch.

At a quarter past 9 P. M. the ship headed west by compass when the call of "Light O" was heard from the fore-top sail yard.

"Where away?" asked the officer of the deck.

"Three points on the lee-bow," replied the look-out man—which the unprofessional reader will readily understand to mean very nearly straight ahead. At this moment the Captain appeared and took the trumpet.

"Call all hands," was his immediate order.

"All hands," whistled the boat-swain with the long, shrill summons familiar to the ears of all who have ever been on board of a man-of-war.

"All hands," screamed the boat-swain's mates, and ere the echo died away all but the sick were on deck.

The ship was staggering through a heavy swell from the Bay of Biscay. The gale, which had been blowing several days, had increased to a severity that was not to be made light of. The breakers where Sir Cloudesly Shovel and his fleet were destroyed in the days of Queen Anne sang their death before, and the "Dead Man's Ledge" replied in hoarser notes behind us. To go ahead seemed to be death, and to attempt to go about was sure destruction.

The first thing that caught the eye of the Captain was the furlled main-sail, which he had ordered to be carried throughout the evening—the hauling up of which (contrary to the last order that he had given on leaving the deck) had caused the ship to pass off to leeward two points and had thus led her into a position on a "lee shore" upon which a strong gale was blowing her in which the chance of safety appeared, to the stoutest nerves, almost hopeless. The sole chance consisted in standing on, to carry through the breakers of Sicily or by a close graze along their outer ledge.

Was this destined to be the end of the gallant ship consecrated by so many a prayer and blessing from the heart of the nation?

"Why is the main-sail up when I ordered it set?" cried the Captain in a tremendous voice.

"Finding that she pitched her bows under, I took it in under your general order, Sir, that the officer of the deck should carry sail according to his discretion," replied the lieutenant in command.



"Heave the log," was the prompt command of the master's mate. The log was thrown.

"How fast does she go?"

"Five knots and a half, Sir."

"Board the main tack, Sir."

"She will not bear it," said the officer of the deck.

"Board the main tack," thundered the Captain. "Keep her full and bye, quarter-master."

"Ay, Ay, Sir." The tack was boarded.

"Haul aft the main sheet," shouted the Captain and aft it went like the spreading of a sea-bird's wing, giving the huge sail to the gale.

"Give her the lee helm when she goes into the sea," cried the Captain.

"Ay, Ay, Sir, she has it," cried out the old sea dog at the binnacle.

"Right your helm—keep her full and bye."

"Ay, Ay, Sir, full and bye she is," was the prompt answer from the helm.

"How fast does she go?"

"Eight knots and a half, Sir."

"How bears the light?"

"Nearly abeam, Sir."

"Keep her away half a point."

"How fast does she go?"

"Nine knots, Sir."

"Steady, Sir," returned the Captain.

"Steady," answered the helmsman and all was the silence of the grave on that crowded deck except the howling of the storm for a space of time that seemed to my imagination almost an age.

It was a trying hour with us—unless we could carry sail so as to go at the rate of nine knots an hour we must, of necessity, dash upon Sicily, and whoever touched those rocks and lived during a storm?

The sea ran very high—the rain fell in torrents—the sky was one black curtain, illumined only by the faint light which was to mark our deliverance or stand a monument of our destruction. The wind got above whistling. It came in puffs that flattened the waves and made our old frigate settle to her bearings, while everything on board seemed cracking into pieces. At this moment the

carpenter reported that the left bolt of the weather fore-shroud had drawn.

"Get on the luffs and set them on all the weather shrouds. Keep her at a small helm, quartermaster, and ease her in the sea," were the orders of the Captain.

The luffs were soon put upon the weather shrouds which, of course, relieved the chains and channels, but many anxious eyes were turned towards the remaining bolts, for upon them depended the masts and upon the masts the safety of the ship, for with one foot of canvass less she could not live fifteen minutes.

Onward plunged the over-laden frigate and at every plunge she seemed bent on making the deep the sailors' grave and her live oak sides his coffin of glory.

She had been fitted out at Boston when the thermometer was below zero. The shrouds, of course, slackened at every strain, and her unwieldy masts (for she had those designed for the *Cumberland*) seemed ready to jump out of her. And now while all was apprehension another bolt drew and then another until at last our whole stay was placed on a single bolt less than a man's wrist in circumference. Still the good iron clung to the wood and bore us alongside the breakers in most fearful proximity to them.

This thrilling incident was never, I believe, been noticed in public, but it is a literal fact which I make not the slightest attempt to embellish.

As we galloped on (I can compare our vessel's leaping to nothing else) the rocks seemed very near us. Dark was the night—the white foam scowling around their black heads, while the spray fell over us and the thunder of the dashing surge sounded like the awful knell the ocean was singing for the victims it was eager to engulf.

At length the light bore upon our quarter and the broad Atlantic rolled its white caps before us. During this time all was silence. Both officer and man was at his post and the bearing and countenance of the Captain seemed to give encouragement to all on board. With but a bare possibility of saving the ship and all on board he placed his reliance on his nautical skill and courage, and by carrying the main-sail when in any other situation it would have been considered suicidal he weathered the lee-shore and saved the *Constitution*.



The main-sail was now hauled up by light hearts and strong hands and the jib and spanker taken in, and from the light of Sicily the gallant vessel, under close-reefed top-sails and main-top-sails, took her departure and danced merrily over the deep for the United States.

"Pipe down," said the Captain to the first lieutenant, "all splice the main-brace."

"Pipe down," echoed the first lieutenant to the boat-swain.

"Pipe down," whistled the boat-swain to the crew and "pipe down" it was.

Soon the "Jack of the Dust" held his levee on the main gun deck, and the weather-beaten tars as they gathered at the grog-tub and luxuriated upon a full allowance of old rye forgot all their peril and fatigue.

"How near the rocks did we go?" said I to one of the master's mates the next morning. He made no reply, but taking down his chart showed me a pencil line between the outside shoal and the Light House Island (on the outside of which we passed), which must have been a small strait for a fisher-man to run his smack through in good weather by daylight.

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"Talladega, Ala., Sept. 9th, 1890.

My dear Harrington:

Your mother seems to improve slowly. She is in bed most of the time—takes her breakfast in bed, but goes to the table for dinner and supper. I am anxiously looking to cooler weather believing it will help materially in her recovery. She has no pain, enjoys her food, sleeps as usual, but she is very, very feeble. We have an extra servant to wait on her—a gentle, agreeable one. May I suggest to you that it would be very gratifying to her to see her picture like the beautiful one you gave of me. She does not speak of it, but I imagine she wonders why Harry should give his father a picture—portrait—and his mother none. You are lavish in your kindness even to the extent of your ability, so it is with reluctance that I mention the portrait of your mother. She knows nothing of my writing this, indeed, she has not alluded to her portrait in any way, but I am impressed it would be a delightful surprise and excite her gratitude. I have grave apprehensions



she may never be well again, but my hope revives now and then and I feel she may be restored to her usual health.

May the many prayers offered for you be answered.

Your hopeful father,"



(My mother died December, 1890.—K. D. S.)

"Birmingham, Ala., September 10th, 1891.

My dear son:

While at your brother's I wrote three letters to Morgan and Katie. The first was a narrative of my trip down. The second was of my sojourn with your brother's family and my third was the Homing. You know pigeons are trained to carry letters and the return is called the Homing. What beauty and profit I find in the word Homing! Home, you know, is a wonderful word as seen in Payne's memorable 'Home, Sweet Home,' but there is a deeper, sweeter meaning in the word Homing. Let us contemplate the gathering Home on the banks of the 'Beautiful River.' All there! Buried, it is true, in different cemeteries and perhaps in different States. Shall I meet my dear ones there? I do believe, my dear son, I will find *you all* at the Homing.

My heart's prayer is for us all to be gathered at the Homing.

Your fond father,"



(My father died Oct., 1891.—K. D. S.)

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"Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 23rd, 1894.

Mrs. Kate Duncan Smith,  
or perhaps I should say, Dear Cousin:

A few weeks ago I received a letter from my nephew, Edgar W. Duncan, enclosing one from you requesting information regarding the Duncan family and to-day I am in receipt of one from

John Elliott Duncan making the same request. I regret to say my knowledge of the Duncan family is very limited. My father Samuel Duncan died early in life and left no record except that of his own family. I remember but three of his brothers—John, Joseph and Jesse. The two former lived in Shippensburg, Pa., near Carlisle. Jesse went to Natchez, Miss., early and died there. Do not know that he left a family. His sisters Ellen and Mary I knew well. Ellen married her cousin Robert Duncan. Mary did not marry. My father married Elizabeth Creagh. They left five children—two daughters and three sons—John Kennedy, Jesse Henry and Samuel. They have all gone home and I must soon follow as I am in my eighty-eighth year, bordering on eighty-nine. For years I have regretted I know so little of the genealogy of the Duncan family. They made their home in Shippensburg for I remember in my boyhood it was called ‘the nursery of the Duncans.’ My father was Samuel and his father was Daniel Duncan. It occurs to me that my nephew S. D. Oliphant of Trenton, N. J., has a genealogical table of the Duncans and could give the information you desire. My family consists of five daughters and one son—Elizabeth Creagh, Sarah Louisa, children of my first wife and Susan Flinthum Oliphant, Mary Howell, John Kennedy, Fannie Montgomery and Caroline Clark, children of my second wife, Fannie Montgomery Lewis of Philadelphia deceased. Elizabeth married Mr. J. P. Coplan now living in Holton, Kans. Louisa married John H. Bradley an attorney living in Chicago. Mary married Benjamin Binford, Caroline married Robert Binford—brothers married sisters. Benjamin is dead and his wife and children live in this city. Fannie married L. S. Kilburn and they live in Marshalltown, Iowa. My son died years ago. He left wife and two children and they live with her parents at Redding Ridge, Conn. My daughters are all living and their families are grown up.

My father Samuel Duncan was born in Shippensburg, March 1st, 1778. Died June 2nd, 1819. Married Elizabeth Creagh. She was born March 1st, 1779. Died December 2nd, 1829.

My brothers and myself were engaged in the iron business. It was a laborious business but we did well, but my brother Kennedy during the stress of hard times in 1837-48 over-reached himself and our labor was lost. The 6th of Feb. I will have rounded my eighty-ninth year.

J. H. DUNCAN.”



EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS OF GEN. JOHN C.  
UNDERWOOD.*President, Confederate Memorial Association.*

"Covington, Ky., August 2, 1903.

I wrote you several days ago and sent the letter through my nephew Colonel William T. Underwood of your city. Since then I've gotten possession of the old Bible tallying up to William Duncan, first of Culpeper, also the alleged early Duncan pedigree:

- I. Rev. William Duncan, b. 1630 in Perthshire, Scotland; m. 1657-1658, Susan Haldane of Glasgow, Scotland.
- II. William Duncan, b. 1659-1660; m. 1681, Margaret McMurdo. Children.
- III. Henry Duncan, b. 1683. Charles Duncan, b. 1684. Thomas, b. 1686. Margaret, b. 1688. Townsend and Mary (twins), b. 1690. William Duncan, b. 1692.
- IV. William Duncan, b. 1692; m. Ruth Rawley, daughter of Mathew Rawley of Wales, in Culpeper Co., Va. William Duncan came to and settled in the Colony of Virginia., 1722-3, etc."

"Lotos Club, N. Y., 10/7/1903.

Yours of 5th inst. just received. I have discovered the somewhat puzzling date, but by very careful and analytical study I have solved much of it. Yes, there is a deed in the Clerk's office of Orange County, Va.—the first one in the first record book, under date 1741 conveying property to William Duncan afterward of Culpeper, but there is much earlier authentic record than that, for Green's 'Culpeper County,' makes mention of William Duncan and his two sisters and brothers, arriving in Culpeper Territory, Jan. 27, 1722-3, besides Gresham gives all and much more in his statements and asserts that the Duncans immigrated to America in 1690-4. Am certain that the grand-children including two girls never came to Virginia in a body in 1723 and am absolutely certain that had they arrived at that time they would not have found their way so far inland from the Chesapeake Bay so quickly.

Other Duncan families of the same general locality indicate there were grand-children of the Rev. William Duncan who settled in Virginia, sired by others of his sons than the oldest son William. There were good reasons why the sons of Rev. William Duncan



should emigrate from Scotland in a body—viz.: to be rid of possible persecution, etc.

By putting together what Gresham, Dr. Slaughter, 'Green Family Records' and tradition and Culpeper County records, I am sure it was the four sons of Rev. William Duncan who immigrated to America about 1690-4 according to Gresham and common sense. That they settled variously in the Northern Neck of Virginia and that the children of William—the eldest son of Rev. William Duncan and one of the emigrants moved from some other portion of the Northern Neck to Culpeper territory in 1722-3 as recorded and that William Duncan, the younger of said grand-children there married about a fortnight after arriving in 1722-3 Ruth Rawley, daughter of Mathew Rawley a well-to-do Welshman already settled in said section. William E. Duncan—uncle of my wife—visited Virginia just after the Civil War and he gave me much information about the family and said that Charles Duncan (brother of William of Culpeper) located in South Carolina. That Thomas (your ancestor) and another brother located in Pennsylvania, all of which I have since verified."

"The Lotos Club, N. Y., Feb. 13, 1906.

I will send all the papers as soon as I can get to them. After my wife died I packed all my genealogical papers and they are stored away—yours among them. I have long since secured the authentic ancestry of my wife. *Thomas Duncan* was one of the brothers who came from England with William of Culpeper et. al. and my researches caused me to write you that he removed to Pennsylvania. This is a fact whether your Thomas or not, and it is presumable he was.

The Duncans landed at Brockheaven—the earliest port of the Potomac River (now Alexandria), thence went to Culpeper on the Northern Neck of Virginia, where William married and permanently settled and two of the brothers removed to other States, Thomas to Pennsylvania and Charles to South Carolina, I think.

JOHN C. UNDERWOOD."

"Years ago I corresponded with Samuel Duncan of Kentucky who wrote he owned a Bible containing names, dates, etc., of the Duncans who came to Virginia in 1722. A Thomas Duncan was of this colony and many Duncan descendants claim he went from

Virginia to Pennsylvania and was Thomas Duncan who died in Cumberland County in 1776. My research has revealed no proof of this nor have I seen proof from any source. Thomas and William Duncan were in Maryland in 1700 and William, Thomas and John Duncan are found in early Maryland."

(See letter of Dr. George G. Smith.—K. D. S.)

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#### COPY OF LETTER FROM GEN. JOHN C. UNDERWOOD.

"Grand Pacific, Chicago, March 12, 1904.

My dear Madam:

I wrote you several months ago that I had discovered the list of Pentland martyrs and that the name of Rev. William Duncan was not among them. I've kept up my investigation and through some friends living in Scotland I have made a great 'find' substantiating authentically the ministerial record of your and my wife's ancestor. Consequently I enclose to you copies of pertinent documents. They are from Rev. William Duke quoting Scottish church records establishing beyond doubt the authenticity of the Rev. William Duncan, or Duncanne.

From Dr. Duke's statement, the data contained in his record quotations the early history of said Duncan ancestor was very honorable.

The record is as follows:

'Rev. William Duncan, A.M.

Episcopal minister near Glasgow, Scotland, deposed by Revolution 1688. Born 1630; graduated as A.M. from University and King's College, Aberdeen 1648; appointed helper to Mr. William Davidson minister of Auchindoir 21st. October 1662; admitted to parish of Kildruny in Aberdeenshire 18th. October 1653; translated from Kildruny to New Kilpatrick about five miles from Glasgow before 18th. July 1666; ousted and property destroyed by the rabble of the Revolution of 1668 and died 1692 in 40th year of his ministry aged 62 years.' "

General Underwood also writes: "The date of his (Rev. William Duncan) in 1692 coincides with the record data transmitted down through the family in Kentucky which I heretofore



thought an error. The reference to his wife (Haldane) and to Forfarshire and Perthshire, etc., proves identity and the whole is everlastingly clinched by the church records showing he was the only minister of the name Duncan in Scotland during the 17th century. I now have sufficient data to make a perfect chart and will do so at my earliest opportunity drafting thereon your particular House.

JOHN C. UNDERWOOD."

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COPY OF LETTER FROM BUTLER DUNCAN.

"1 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Mr. Johnstone:

You will recollect you sometime since asked me if I could get some information for a friend of yours who was anxious to ascertain concerning a relative of a century or two back who lost his head, not as we do now days, but so that he could not get it back again. I enclose your letter to me to remind you. The letter you enclosed I sent my cousin in Scotland and I send you his reply. Mr. Duke's statement may help your friend find the blank in his family tree. Am always obliged to help you or any friend of yours.

W. BUTLER DUNCAN."

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"Scotland, Newnanswells, 1 Feb., 1904.

My dear Will:

You will remember sending me a letter from Mr. E. R. Johnstone of Lotos Club, New York, enclosing one from Mr. Underwood asking about his wife's ancestor supposed to be a Pentland martyr, or killed at Rullion Green. I did not know about these martyrs and applied to Mr. Duke and now enclose his reply. I hope it will suit the descendant to find that the Rev. William Duncan was not a martyr or non-conformist but an established Episcopal clergyman before Presbyterianism, and that he lived till 1692.

Your affectionate cousin,

ALICK B. DUNCAN."



## COPY OF LETTER OF WILLIAM DUKE.

"Dear Mr. Duncan :

The battle of the Pentlands is an event well-known in Scottish history. It was an ill-judged attempt and met defeat at Rullion Green. Some of the survivors were hanged at Edinburgh and others were shipped to the plantations. Do not know the names of those who suffered, but think all that is known respecting them will be found in the Advocates Library. I have looked over the list of the Western clergy at that date to, if possible, identify Mr. Underwood's wife's ancestor—Rev. William Duncan who, he says, hailed from Glasgow. It is a curious fact there is only one minister of the name Duncan in the great synod of Glasgow and Ayr in the 17th century and he is the Rev. William Duncanne, A.M., Minister of New or East Kilpatrick about 5 miles from Glasgow. He entered the incumbency in 1666—the year of the fight at Rullion Green. This Mr. Duncan was a martyr but not for presbytery but episcopacy. He was previously at Kildruny in Aberdeenshire and was, no doubt, one of the north country ministers most of whom belonged to the episcopal party in the church. Mr. Duncan's turn for martyrdom came at the Revolution of 1688 when those who were regarded by the Western Whigs as Episcopal intruders were cast out of their living to make way for those who had been ejected in 1662 and others of like views. The following is the entry that concerns Mr. Duncan.

'1666, William Duncan A.M. translated from Kildruny; admitted before 18th July. He was ousted by the rebels at the Revolution and had his household plenishings ejected by them. He died in 1682 aged about 65 in the 40th year of his ministry.' Mr. Underwood says his wife's ancestor was born in 1630. That would make him 62 in 1682, whereas the minister of New Kilpatrick is said to have died in that year aged about 65. There is no real discrepancy here as there appears to have been no other minister of the name Duncan in the West of Scotland in the whole of that century. I have no doubt that the minister of New Kilpatrick is the ancestor of Mr. Underwood's wife—the Rev. William Duncan who he says hailed from Glasgow. Haldane is also the name of an old clerical family that has had many representatives in the west of Forfarshire and the neighboring county of Perth.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM DUKE."

EXTRACT FROM LETTER OF DR. GEORGE G. SMITH  
(GENEALOGIST).

“Vineville, Macon, Ga., Dec. 21, 1906.

The conclusion I have reached is that Thomas Duncan was either the original emigrant to Pennsylvania or sprang from the William Duncan mentioned by Miss Keys of Baltimore. As you see there was a William and a Thomas Duncan, not the one who died in Talbot, but the one mentioned as having had a plantation of 100 acres in Somerset County in 1700—called ‘First Contentment,’ which at that time he did not possess. William Duncan had a place in 1679 in Somerset County. He lived in Somerset and so did Thomas. He left that county before 1700 when the property is said to have passed into the hands of a Davis. The names William, Thomas, David and John are all in early Maryland. That they emigrated North when the new country in Maryland, Cecil County, was opened is very probable and finally reached Shippensburg, Penna. This is the best conjecture I can name. I think, from the names, that you descend from the same section in which William Duncan—the rector—lived and I am not at all sure that the William and Thomas Duncan mentioned were not close kin to him.

GEORGE G. SMITH.”



## A TRUE STORY OF THE CIVIL WAR.

A few weeks before the close of the War, the news spread abroad that Croxton's Brigade of General Wilson's Command was marching on Talladega, Alabama. My father and other citizens, on hearing the raid was imminent, packed their buggies with the provisions their families had, and hurried out of town to the most secluded place to hide their scant supplies.

The Home Guard and the few Confederate soldiers who were recovering from sickness and wounds, went to meet the invaders, determined to resist. Isbell's Bank was on the corner of Depot and Beauty Streets and the Isbell residence was next and the fight occurred in sight of it.

Brother had been badly wounded in the left shoulder in the battle of Aiken, South Carolina, under General Joe Wheeler, and his arm was still in a sling, but he mounted his war-horse "Daisy" and joined his comrades and was soon in a hand-to-hand encounter with one of the raiders. He ordered him to surrender and he replied, "I surrender," but too late for the uplifted sword to be lowered and he received a severe cut in the forehead. The street was rocky and brother's horse fell and thinking she had been shot, he rushed on the Yankee, jerked him from his saddle and galloped away. (An episode.) Brother visited Alice Isbell the evening before the expected Croxton raid and remarked, "Miss Alice, you will see me in the fight." She did and witnessed his encounter with the Yankee soldier and fell on her knees and prayed for him.

There was great excitement in the town and hearing the shooting and commotion people collected in front of their houses and my mother, sister, I and my six-year-old brother hurried to our front gallery just as brother went galloping by and heard him say, "Daisy was shot, I have captured another horse and am escaping." He joined his command near Munford, Alabama, and next day another engagement took place and brother was wounded in the right leg.

At nightfall we learned that the Federal General had his headquarters at the residence of Judge Plowman, which was not far from us. Mother locked the doors and she, sister and I sat in the front room in silence fearing the soldiers would descend on us. Very soon there was a loud knock on the front door and mother hurried us to another room—she had told us to keep out of sight



of the soldiers—and she went to the door and there stood two who pushed by and began searching, mother going with them from room to room, holding the candle. Sister and I finding we could not hide in the house, ran out to the cook's room and crouched down behind her bed, but the plunderers glimpsed us as we ran; they thought we had jewels and money as they asked our old servant man, "Uncle Columbus," "Have those girls got anything?" He told us afterward that he said, "Lordy, Mister, dem gals ain't got nuthin' and dey is skeered mos' ter deth. No, Sir, dey ain't *got nuthin'* but a leetle *Confedit money*." He told us how emphatic he was.

After taking some jewelry—valuable heirlooms—and pieces of silver they left or appeared to but were skulking around the house and mother, thinking they had gone, sent "Uncle Columbus" to Judge Plowman's to ask the General to send a guard to our house. Judge Plowman came himself and sister and I, hearing him and mother talking, left our place of hiding and ran to the house so happy to see the Judge. We told him how the soldiers had scared us and he tried to quiet our fears, saying, "They would not harm you, they only wanted money and jewelry," and he also said "They were drunk."

The two raiders had slipped in without our seeing them and before we could scamper out, we saw them seize Judge Plowman and heard them say, "You say we are drunk, we will show you if we are drunk." They took him to the side gate ("Uncle Columbus" said the Judge begged for his life all the while), knocked him in the head with a gun and left him lying on the ground. "Uncle Columbus" helped him to his feet and took him home and when he came back told mother how the soldiers had treated the Judge and she sent him again to Headquarters requesting a guard and he soon returned with one.

Mother would not consent for us to stay with her and begged us to go to a neighbor's house and we went after midnight but we did not sleep and next morning we were up early and wended our way home cautiously, fearing to meet a Yankee soldier. We were overjoyed to find dear mother safe and the guard gone. Mother said they sat up all night and watched and that he was very respectful and kind and when he left assured her it had given him pleasure to serve her. I bless his memory. I do not doubt he was impressed with her, so gentle and lovely as she was. She asked him about

the battle and if any of his soldiers were killed or wounded and he said one had a very severe sabre wound in the forehead and was then in a temporary hospital. Mother did not dream that brother was the guilty one, but to her dismay heard it later.

Next morning sister and I went to our dear friends—the Barclays—who lived just above us, and while we sat talking of the exciting times, Judge Plowman came running through the yard exclaiming, "The Yankees! The Yankees!" His head was bandaged because of the wound of the night before. Some straggling soldiers remained behind to plunder as they had, evidently, heard that Judge Plowman's daughter Bettie had money concealed on her person, for they told her they knew she had and ordered her to hand it over and she raised her skirt and undid her belt, containing over three hundred dollars in gold, and gave it up.

In a few days came the sad news of the surrender at Appomattox and it was not long until Talladega had a garrison of Union soldiers under the command of General Chrysler (Infantry) and Captain Dean, who had a Company of Cavalry. One morning our household was startled by the information that brother was to be arrested at once by Federal authority, the charge being he had struck a Union soldier after he surrendered and the whole garrison was "up in arms." An immediate caucus of the many friends of my brother and my father and mother was held and they went to General Chrysler. He heard them very attentively and at the conclusion of the interview assured them he accepted their version of the matter as authentic and there would be no further trouble and orders would be given the soldiers of the garrison to this effect.

With the horse brother captured from the Union soldier were his saddle, gun, sword, etc., and my father used the saddle and his horse was generally hitched at the front gate. Captain Dean rode up and down our street frequently and one day noticed the saddle and sent his Orderly in to say it must be delivered at his Headquarters. We were at dinner and hearing someone enter without knocking, we looked and were surprised to see a Union soldier standing in the doorway. Without addressing my father, he said in very commanding tone and pompous manner, "Captain Dean orders that Army saddle reported at his Headquarters in half an hour." Brother rose quickly, his brown eyes flashing, his face firm set and said to the Orderly, "Tell Captain Dean if he wants that



saddle he must come for it." Father begged, "Son, do not send that message," and mother put her arms around him and pleaded with him not to send the message and sister and I added our entreaties in tears, but he repeated defiantly, "*Tell Captain Dean if he wants that saddle he must come for it.*" It was evident to the Orderly that brother was in a fighting mood as he said not a word more and quickly left the house. We were appalled and sat speechless; we knew brother would not obey the order of Captain Dean and we pictured him dragged before General Chrysler, tried and punished. Father sat with head bowed for some minutes and rising from the table, went to the front, mounted his horse, rode to Captain Dean's Headquarters on College Hill and delivered the saddle.

I do not recall in all the years afterward hearing my father or brother mention this memorable incident, but I, an eye-witness, have most vivid recollection of the thrilling, pathetic scene and have told my children with pride in my father's love and self-sacrifice and my brother's undaunted daring and bravery.

*Kate Duncan Smith.*





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